

CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY FIFTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-22-82 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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1 RESOLUTION

2 FORMALIZING THE CITY'S URBAN TREE CANOPY GRANT PROGRAM.

3 WHEREAS, the City Council has for several years funded and promoted
4 the "NeighborWoods" community tree planting pilot program; and

5 WHEREAS, the pilot program has been successful in expanding the
6 City's urban tree canopy by working directly with neighborhood groups to
7 organize and implement the planting of street trees; and

8 WHEREAS, promoting and protecting the City's urban tree canopy
9 advances the health, safety and welfare of the City through beautification, and
10 by helping remove pollutants from the air, soil, and water, and by helping
11 mitigate urban heat island effects; and

12 WHEREAS, in addition to advancing these important purposes, the
13 community-based approach to the NeighborWoods program has also
14 promoted community development by organizing and investing neighbors and
15 neighborhood groups in the wellbeing of the trees within their communities;
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17 WHEREAS, the NeighborWoods program has been historically funded
18 through City Councilor District set asides in the participating districts and
19 funding from the Parks and Recreation Department, and can continue to be
20 viable in all areas and districts of the City where funding is made available;
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22 WHEREAS, given the success of the NeighborWoods pilot program, the
23 purpose of this resolution is to establish a formal Urban Tree Canopy Grant
24 Program to continue urban tree planting efforts, including but not limited to
25 the NeighborWoods program, while expanding funding opportunities for
26 additional urban forestry tree planting projects and initiatives.

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
2 ALBUQUERQUE;

3 SECTION 1. Grant Program Established:

4 The City's Urban Tree Canopy Grant Program ("Program") is
5 established as a grant program of the City to fund contracts with civic groups,
6 to provide community services related to tree planting and maintenance. The
7 Parks and Recreation Department's Office of the City Forestry will administer
8 the Program and oversee contracts funded through the Program for the
9 purpose of completing tree planting, tree maintenance and related services
10 ("Projects").

11 Work on Projects will include, but not be limited to the following:

- 12 • Working with neighborhoods or other identified areas throughout the
13 city to select planting sites consistent with Sections 6-6-2-1 et. seq. R.O.A.
14 1994, the Street Trees Ordinance, and other laws;
- 15 • Recruiting and training volunteers from Project areas;
- 16 • Conducting tree inventories and mapping Project areas;
- 17 • Coordinating tree species selection, and the purchase, delivery,
18 planting, and mulching of trees;
- 19 • Providing traffic control measures during Project activities;
- 20 • Providing excavation, digging, and irrigation services;
- 21 • Providing supplies for each Project;
- 22 • Providing on-going support on tree maintenance and irrigation for
23 completed Projects;
- 24 • Tracking Project area tree inventories to reflect new plantings;
- 25 • Other activities in furtherance of restoring or expanding the urban
26 tree canopy; and
- 27 • Performing follow-up assessments of Projects.

28 SECTION 2. Funding. The Urban Tree Canopy Grant Program will be
29 funded through Councilor District set asides from participating districts, or
30 through specific appropriations of the Council.

31 SECTION 3. The Parks and Recreation Department shall develop an
32 application process that makes funding available for grant awards to Tree NM

1 for its Neighborwoods program, and any other qualified grantees, by no later
2 than January 1, 2022.

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