

**CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE  
TWENTY FIFTH COUNCIL**

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-22-82 ENACTMENT NO. R-2022-080

SPONSORED BY: Tammy Fiebelkorn, Isaac Benton

1 **RESOLUTION**

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

3 **WHEREAS, promoting and protecting the City's urban tree**  
4 **canopy advances the health, safety and welfare of the City through**  
5 **beautification, and by helping remove pollutants from the air, soil, and**  
6 **water, and by helping mitigate urban heat island effects; and**

7 **WHEREAS, the City Council has for several years funded and promoted**  
8 **the "NeighborWoods" community tree planting pilot program led by Tree New**  
9 **Mexico; and**

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

13 **WHEREAS, in addition to advancing these important purposes, the**  
14 **community-based approach to the NeighborWoods program has also**  
15 **promoted community development by organizing and investing neighbors and**  
16 **neighborhood groups in the wellbeing of the trees within their communities;**  
17 **and**

18 **WHEREAS, the NeighborWoods program has been historically funded**  
19 **through City Councilor District set asides in the participating districts and**  
20 **funding from the Parks and Recreation Department, and can continue to be**  
21 **viable in all areas and districts of the City where funding is made available;**  
22 **and**

23 **WHEREAS, the City has launched the "Let's Plant Albuquerque"**  
24 **initiative to coordinate and increase tree planting across the City in order to**  
25 **maintain and expand the urban forest canopy; and**

1           **WHEREAS, the NeighborWoods program and other tree planting efforts**  
2 **are making and will continue to make important contributions to the “Let’s**  
3 **Plant Albuquerque” initiative; and**

4           **WHEREAS, given the success of the NeighborWoods pilot program, the**  
5 **purpose of this resolution is to establish a formal Urban Tree Canopy Grant**  
6 **Program to continue urban tree planting efforts, including but not limited to**  
7 **the NeighborWoods program, while expanding funding opportunities for**  
8 **additional urban forestry tree planting projects and initiatives.**

9 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF**  
10 **ALBUQUERQUE:**

11       **SECTION 1. Grant Program Established:**

12       **The City’s Urban Tree Canopy Grant Program (“Program”) is established as**  
13 **a grant program of the City to fund contracts with civic groups, to provide**  
14 **community services related to tree planting and maintenance. The Parks and**  
15 **Recreation Department will administer the Program and oversee contracts**  
16 **funded through the Program for the purpose of completing tree planting and**  
17 **related services (“Projects”).**

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

- 19           • **Working with neighborhoods or other identified areas throughout the**  
20 **City to select planting sites consistent with Sections 6-6-2-1 et. seq. ROA 1994,**  
21 **the Street Trees Ordinance, and other laws;**
- 22           • **Recruiting and training volunteers from Project areas;**
- 23           • **Conducting tree inventories and mapping Project areas;**
- 24           • **Coordinating tree species selection, and the purchase, delivery,**  
25 **planting, and mulching of trees;**
- 26           • **Providing traffic control measures during Project activities;**
- 27           • **Providing excavation, digging, and irrigation services;**
- 28           • **Providing supplies for each Project;**
- 29           • **Providing on-going support on tree maintenance and irrigation for**  
30 **completed Projects;**
- 31           • **Tracking Project area tree inventories to reflect new plantings;**
- 32           • **Other activities in furtherance of restoring or expanding the urban**  
33 **tree canopy; and**

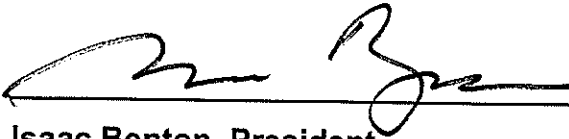
- 1 • Performing follow-up assessments of Projects.

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

5 SECTION 3. The Parks and Recreation Department shall develop an  
6 application process that makes funding available for grant awards to Tree New  
7 Mexico for its Neighborwoods program, and any other qualified grantees, by  
8 no later than January 1, 2023.

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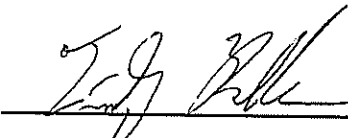
1 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF November, 2022  
2 BY A VOTE OF: 9 FOR 0 AGAINST.

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7 Isaac Benton, President  
8 City Council

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11 APPROVED THIS 28 DAY OF November, 2022

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20 City of Albuquerque

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28 Ethan Watson, City Clerk

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