

Introduced by McDavid Council Bill No. R 32-15 A

A RESOLUTION

establishing a Community Tree Task Force.

WHEREAS, in order to ensure a tree rich community the City Council desires to engage in the study and evaluation of tree care on private property, review current tree policies and ordinances, and develop a process to perform decennial city-wide tree inventories which will benefit all citizens of Columbia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established the Community Tree Task Force. Its purposes include providing recommendations to private property owners for caring for their trees, developing educational materials for tree care, providing recommendations for neighborhood and homeowner associations to manage trees, reviewing current tree policies and ordinances within the City of Columbia, recommending a methodology for decennial city-wide tree inventories, and recommending whether an on-going tree commission should be established.

SECTION 2. The Task Force shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the City Council. Three (3) members shall have applicable subject matter expertise such as an arborist, forester, urban forester or dendrologist; one (1) member shall be a current member of the Environment and Energy Commission; and three (3) at-large members who shall be residents of the City of Columbia. A quorum to hold a meeting shall consist of four (4) members. All meetings shall be open to involvement and participation by as many additional interested community members who desire to attend.

SECTION 3. The Task Force shall make a report to the City Council of its findings and recommendations by March 21, 2016. The Task Force shall be dissolved upon submitting its final report.

SECTION 4. The Task Force shall be provided reasonable staff support.

ADOPTED this 16th day of February, 2015.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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Mayor and Presiding Officer
Pro Tem

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Counselor