

STATE OF GEORGIA
CITY OF ROSWELL

June 8, 2009

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A NO NET LOSS OF TREES POLICY
FOR ALL PUBLICLY OWNED PROPERTY**

WHEREAS the City of Roswell is committed to preserving the existing urban forest and promoting the planting of new trees on all city-owned public property; and

WHEREAS our urban forest cleans the air, shelters wildlife, catches water runoff, cools our homes and makes our city more beautiful; and

WHEREAS insects, disease and increase in construction are taking a toll on our trees, decreasing our urban tree canopy; and

WHEREAS as a sustainable community, the City of Roswell is committed to the economic vitality, environmental quality, and equal opportunities for all residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS the health, safety and welfare of the people of Roswell depend upon a healthy urban forest:

NOW THEREFORE, the Mayor & Council of the City of Roswell hereby resolve that the following No Net Loss of Trees Policy For All Publicly Owned Property is hereby adopted.

1. SCOPE

The terms and provisions of this policy shall apply to all public property owned by the City of Roswell and subject to city regulations including parks, rights-of-way, and easements granted to other private or public entities, including public utilities, except where superseded by franchise agreements.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this resolution is to establish the standards necessary to assure that the goals set out above will be realized and that the city will continue to enjoy the benefits provided by its urban forest. The provisions of this article are enacted to:

(a) Establish and maintain the maximum amount of tree cover on public lands in the city, which are owned or financed by the City of Roswell, by prohibiting the destruction and removal of trees (including the critical root zone and root save area) except in accordance with the standards set forth in this article;

- (b) Maintain trees in the city in a healthy and non-hazardous condition through professionally accepted arboricultural practices;
- (c) Establish and revise as necessary standards for the planting and maintenance of trees so as to improve the economic base of the city by improving property values, to enhance the visual quality of the city and its neighborhoods and to improve public health by lessening air pollution and the incidence of flooding;
- (d) Minimize hazards and damage to streets and sidewalks and lessen public rights-of-way maintenance costs;
- (e) Provide for the designation of specimen trees; and
- (f) Promote efficient and cost-effective management of the urban forest through the development of a comprehensive long-range urban forest master plan.

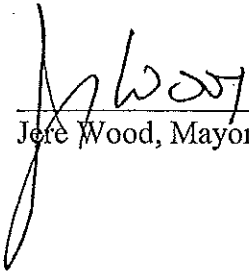
3. POLICY

It is the policy of the City of Roswell that there shall be no net loss of trees within the boundaries of the city, regarding city-owned public property. Trees are a vital component of the infrastructure for the City of Roswell, providing environmental and economic benefits. Trees in urban areas reduce the heat island effect caused by pavement and buildings. Properly placed trees can increase property values and add to the aesthetic vistas within the community. The City of Roswell will use *Chapter 15.7 Appendix A – Density Factor Analysis* of the Roswell Zoning Code to determine the site density factor, existing density factor, and the replacement density factor. *Section 15.7.2* provides the clear guidelines for which trees are suitable for replacement.

All Department Heads are responsible for ensuring the successful implementation of the City's "No Net Loss of Trees" Policy on public property. This includes, but is not limited to:

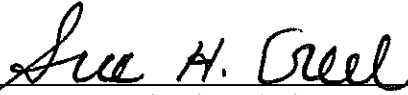
- Whenever possible, try to complete the work assignment without damaging or removing a tree.
- Communicating with the City Landscape Architect or Arborist when a tree could potentially be removed or damaged due to performing essential work duties.
- Effectively communicating this policy to any third-party that is under contract for the City of Roswell.
- Monitoring and ensuring the success of the City of Roswell "No Net Loss of Trees" Policy, and when appropriate, working with Administration to assess technical feasibility and/or cost effectiveness.

This 8th day of June, 2009.



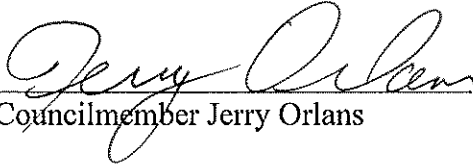
Jere Wood, Mayor

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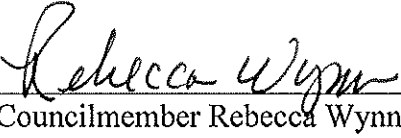


Sue H. Creel, City Clerk

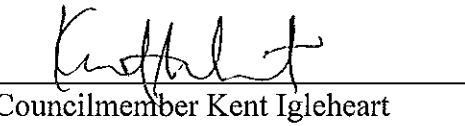
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Councilmember Jerry Orleans



Councilmember Rebecca Wynn



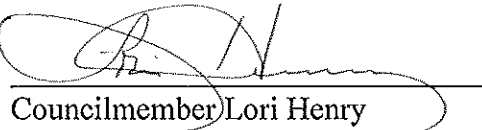
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