

CITY OF CONCORD

In the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-five

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000) IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS AND DONATIONS PROJECT FOR TREE PLANTING ON CITY PROPERTY AND WITHIN PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE TREE PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER IN THE SUM OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000) FROM THE URBAN TREE TRUST FUND FOR THIS PURPOSE

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The City of Concord resolves as follows:

- WHEREAS,** in 1999, City Council approved Resolution No. 6922 establishing a trust fund for the planting of street trees along the right of way in urban areas of the City utilizing donations; and
- WHEREAS,** additional funds have been deposited into the Trust Fund through private donations and in lieu payments through the Planning Board for the cost of the required trees not installed; and
- WHEREAS,** the appropriation of the funds from the Trust Fund shall be by the City Council; and
- WHEREAS,** the Street Tree Policy established in 2015 sets policy to promote planting, preserving, and the proper care and maintenance of street trees and plantings within the City limits, enhancing the attractiveness and environmental health of the City, thereby promoting the general and economic well-being of the City; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2021, with City Council approval, the Tree Subcommittee initiated a cost sharing element to the Sustainable Tree Program in order to expand access to the program for more residents in order to improve the urban canopy in the City rights of way; and
- WHEREAS,** Concord Tree Subcommittee recommends the appropriation of \$15,000 from the Urban Tree Trust Fund into a project fund to continue supporting the cost-sharing program; and
- WHEREAS,** these funds may be utilized to assist with the cost of planting trees within the City right of way under the Sustainable Tree Program for plant materials, soil enhancements, structural soils, and other best management practices to ensure the survivability of the trees; and

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WHEREAS, use of these funds is drawn entirely from trust reserve accounts and does not directly impact the total amount to be raised in taxes; and

WHEREAS, this appropriation is for a purpose for which funding was not included in the Fiscal Year 2025 adopted budget, therefore Section 37 of the City Charter requires a two-thirds vote of the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Concord that:

- 1) The sum of\$15,000
be and is hereby appropriated as follows:

 Grants and Donations Fund
 Community Development Miscellaneous project.....\$15,000
- 2) Revenue to meet said appropriation shall be provided from the following source:

 Grants and Donations Fund
 Transfer in from Trust.....\$15,000
- 3) Sums as appropriated shall be expended under the direction of the City Manager.
- 4) This resolution shall take effect upon its passage.