

## **RESOLUTION**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLESON, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF TWO GRANT AWARDS FROM THE TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE TOTALING \$120,000 TO SUPPORT THE CITY'S URBAN FORESTRY INITIATIVES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Burleson Parks and Recreation Department applied to the Texas A&M Forest Service for two Community Forestry Grants on February 11, 2025, and received notice of award on June 13, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has been awarded two grants totaling \$120,000, consisting of a \$20,000 Canopy for Community Resilience Tree Planting Initiative (one-year grant) and a \$100,000 Urban Forester position grant distributed over three years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tree Planting Initiative will fund the planting of 40 native and adaptive trees in high-traffic and underserved areas to support canopy restoration, improve pedestrian comfort, and enhance community engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Urban Forester grant will support the creation of a dedicated Urban Forester position responsible for tree inventory, maintenance schedules, planting events, public education, and integration of sustainable forestry practices; and

**WHEREAS**, both grants are incorporated into the proposed FY 2025 budget, and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds it to be in the best interest of the residents of Burleson to accept these grants in support of long-term urban canopy expansion, resilience, and environmental equity;

### **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLESON, TEXAS, THAT:**

#### **Section 1.**

That the City of Burleson hereby accepts the grant awards from the Texas A&M Forest Service totaling \$120,000, with \$20,000 designated for the one-year Canopy for Community Resilience Tree Planting Initiative and \$100,000 designated to support the Urban Forester position over three years.

#### **Section 2.**

That the City Manager, or their designee, is authorized to take all necessary actions to implement the grants, including execution of any required agreements or documents with the Texas A&M Forest Service.

#### **Section 3.**

This resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND SO RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Burleson, Texas, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Chris Fletcher, Mayor  
City of Burleson, Texas

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM & LEGALITY:

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Amanda Campos, City Secretary

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E. Allen Taylor, Jr., City Attorney

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