

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Contract Extension for Tree Removal & Stump Grinding/Removal Services (Re-Bid) (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 20-0051
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the extension of the annual contract for Tree Removal & Stump Grinding/Removal Services with Elite Tree Service, Inc. (Columbus, GA), through December 31, 2026.

The vendor will remove trees at various locations within the City, which are in hazardous conditions and could pose a serious liability for the City, as well as the grinding/removal of stumps and other related debris.

Per Resolution No. 131-20, dated May 26, 2020, Council authorized a five-year contract with Elite Tree Service, Inc. (Columbus, GA). The contract has exhausted all renewals, and a previously authorized extension expired on May 31, 2026. The extension through December 31, 2026, is needed to allow the Department time to advertise a new RFB for the next contract. Council approval is required for this contract extension.

Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this on-going expense: Paving Fund - Public Works - Right-of-Way Maintenance - Contractual Services; 0203 – 260 – 3120 – ROWM - 6319.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR TREE REMOVAL & STUMP GRINDING/REMOVAL SERVICES WITH ELITE TREE SERVICE, INC. (COLUMBUS, GA), THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026.

WHEREAS, the vendor will remove trees at various locations within the City, which are in hazardous conditions and could pose a serious liability for the City, as well as the grinding/removal of stumps and other related debris; and,

WHEREAS, per Resolution No. 131-20, dated May 26, 2020, Council authorized a five-year contract with Elite Tree Service, Inc. (Columbus, GA). The contract has exhausted all renewals, and a previously authorized extension expired on May 31, 2026. The extension through December 31, 2026, is needed to allow the Department time to advertise a new RFB for the next contract. Council approval is required for this contract extension.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to extend the annual contract for Tree Removal & Stump Grinding/Removal Services with Elite Tree Service, Inc. (Columbus, GA), through December 31, 2026. Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this on-going expense: Paving Fund - Public Works - Right-of-Way Maintenance - Contractual Services; 0203 – 260 – 3120 – ROWM - 6319.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the ____ day of _____, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Cook	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor