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**To:** Mayor and Board of Aldermen  
**From:** Jason Lipe, Parks and Recreation Director  
**Date:** Friday, May 16, 2025  
**Re:** Street Tree Ordinance Changes

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Section 63-26 of the Code of Ordinances: "Street trees" are herein defined as trees, shrubs, bushes and all other woody vegetation on land lying between property lines on either side of all streets, avenues or ways within the city.

The Bradford Pear is currently included in the list of approved street trees. The Bradford Pear has been declared to be an invasive species by the Missouri Department of Conservation due to its tendency to split and be knocked over by wind.

Due to the invasive species declaration by the MDC and potential for creating a hazardous situation, I request that the Bradford Pear be removed from the list of approved street trees.