## **ORDINANCE NO. 28-2024**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A SUBRECIPIENT GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF FORESTRY RELATED TO THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT URBAN & COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Springdale (the "City") has an established urban forestry program; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City, through Resolution R01-2024, authorized and endorsed the filing of an application through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry ("ODNR") for Inflation Reduction Act Grant Funding for Established Trees Programs for the inventory of existing trees and their condition of health, planning of maintenance and care of the trees to maintain the existing tree canopy, and development of planting projects to increase the City's tree canopy; and

WHEREAS, ODNR has awarded an Ohio's Urban & Community Forestry Grant subaward not to exceed \$300,000.00 to the City for the inventory of existing trees and their condition of health, planning of maintenance and care of the trees to maintain the existing tree canopy, and development of planting projects to increase the City's tree canopy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Springdale, Ohio, \_\_\_\_\_ members elected thereto concurring:

<u>Section 1.</u> That the Mayor and City Administrator are hereby authorized to execute a subrecipient grant agreement with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry related to the Inflation Reduction Act Urban & Community Forestry Program (the "Agreement"). A copy of the Agreement is attached as <u>Exhibit A</u> and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Council hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this legislation were taken in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect on the earliest date allowed by law.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II(D)(3)(d) of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for said declaration of emergency is the need to execute the agreement at the earliest possible date in order to have access to the funds being provided and commence the project.

Passed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

President of Council

Clerk of Council

Approved:

Mayor

Date