

RESOLUTION NO. TC 24-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE TREE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COMMISSION INCREASE GREEN INVENTORY OF CANOPY TREES BY OBTAINING GRANT FUNDING; RECOMMENDING INITIATION OF PROGRAMS TO ENCOURAGE THE PLANTING OF CANOPY TREES; RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY IMPLEMENT AN ADOPTION PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE THE PLANTING OF CANOPY TREES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY; RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY SET OF GOAL TO INCREASE GREEN INVENTORY; RECOMMENDING THAT THE URBAN FORESTRY DIVISION BE ADEQUATELY STAFFED TO MEET THESE GOALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Tree Commission recognizes that canopy trees are essential to the beauty, comfort, sustainability and history of Key West; and

WHEREAS, the Tree Commission recommends that the City of Key West should make it a priority, when appropriate, to plant Canopy Trees on public property and in city parks; and

WHEREAS, the Tree Commission recommends that the City of Key West should increase green inventory by obtaining grant, community, and private funding; and

WHEREAS, the Tree Commission recommends that the City of Key West should initiate programs with other local organizations, citizens, and government entities to encourage the planting of canopy trees in parking lots, schools, and other areas that currently have the space to accommodate such

canopy trees; and

WHEREAS, the Tree Commission recommends that the City of Key West implement a canopy tree adoption program to encourage homeowners and business owners to plant canopy trees on their properties; and

WHEREAS, the Tree Commission recommends that the City of Key West should set a goal of increasing the City's green inventory; and

WHEREAS, the Tree Commission recommends that to ensure that the City's goals are met, the City of Key West should adequately staff the urban forestry department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KEY WEST TREE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That in order to facilitate the planting of more Canopy trees, the Tree Commission recommends the City of Key West to obtain grant funding that is specific to the planting of canopy trees and increasing the City's green inventory.

Section 2: That in order to facilitate the planting of more canopy trees in the City of Key West, the Tree Commission recommends that the City initiate programs with other local organizations, citizens, and government entities to encourage the planting of canopy trees in parking lots, schools, and other areas that currently have the space to

accommodate such canopy trees.

Section 3: That in order to incentive planting of more canopy trees, the Tree Commission recommends that the City implement a canopy tree adoption program by allocating funding for the procurement of individual trees that are intended for planting on private residential property throughout the Community, to encourage and empower homeowners and business owners to plant canopy trees on their properties.

Section 4: That the City should commit to increasing the City of Key West's green inventory by forty (40%) percent.


Section 5: That in order to ensure that these goals are achieved, that the City of Key West should adequately staff the urban forestry department.

Section 4 6: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the Presiding Officer and the Clerk of the Tree Commission.

Passed and adopted by the Key West Tree Commission at a meeting held this 7 2nd day of ~~May~~ July, 2024.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Key West Tree Commission on 11th day of July, 2024.

Filed with the Clerk on July 2nd 11 , 2024.

  
MISHA McRAE, CHAIR

ATTEST:

  
KERI O'BRIEN, CITY CLERK