



Legislation Text

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TO: Mayor Richard C. Irvin

FROM: Alex Voigt, Deputy Chief of Staff

DATE: October 25, 2023

SUBJECT:

To obtain City Council approval of the city's "Arboricultural Specification Manual" as referenced in Chapter 47 of the Code of Ordinances.

BACKGROUND:

This document accompanies Legistar File 23-0872, the proposed updates to Chapter 47. In the process of updating Chapter 47 entitled "Trees, Shrubs and Weeds", there were a number of references to the "Arboricultural Specifications Manual". A document from 2008 that does not appear to have been approved by the City Council was located and updated in concert with the proposed changes to Chapter 47.

DISCUSSION:

The updates to the document followed the updates to Chapter 47. Involved in the review process were:

- A sub-group of the Tree Board, all certified arborists:
 - Cathy Hayen
 - Bill Chinetti
 - Nick Day
- The Tree Board
- Public Works/Engineering
- Streets

The changes proposed are in concert with the proposed updates to Chapter 47. Upon approval, this document will be made available on the Tree Board section of the city website, along with other resources the board has created for the public. This document will also be used by city staff in terms of the guidelines provided.

IMPACT STATEMENT:

Approval of this document will have a positive impact on city operations and information available to the public.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff respectfully requests approval of this resolution.

cc: Rules, Administration and Procedures Committee



CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION NO. _____
DATE OF PASSAGE _____

A Resolution approving the Arboricultural Specification Manual for the City of Aurora.

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora has a population of more than 25,000 persons and is, therefore, a home rule unit under subsection (a) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, subject to said Section, a home rule unit may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs for the protection of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 47 of the Code of Ordinances calls for City Council approval of an Arboricultural Specifications Manual; and

WHEREAS, city staff and volunteers, including certified arborists, participated in the drafting of this document; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the city to have this document updated and available to the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Aurora, Illinois, as follows: That Exhibit A of this Resolution shall be and hereby is adopted and replaces the prior Arboricultural Specification Manual for the City of Aurora.