

RESOLUTION NO. 13 (24-25)

A Resolution to authorize and direct the Auditor of the City of Marietta, Ohio to establish and designate the Urban Forestry Grant Fund, as a fund for the City of Marietta, and declaring an EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Tree Commission of the City of Marietta, Ohio has been awarded a \$125,000.00 Urban Forestry Grant, which is funded through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources,' Ohio Division of Forestry, in partnership with the U. S. Forest Service's Inflation Reduction Act Funding; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Funds are to be used for the purchase and planting of trees for public benefits, restoring community tree canopy with large-stature trees and promoting species diversity, reducing stormwater runoff, maximizing filtration of overland flow and improving watershed health; and

WHEREAS, use of the Grant Funds are intended to enhance the quality of life, promote urban forestry benefits, strengthen and support existing tree care programs and ensure that urban forests provide communities with a variety of health and ecological benefits; and

WHEREAS, the funds awarded to the City of Marietta, Ohio through the Urban Forestry Grant need to be deposited into a special account reserved for the Urban Forestry Grant funds, so the funds may be used for eligible expenditures such as for the purchase and planting of trees for public benefits, restoring community tree canopy with large-stature trees and promoting species diversity, reducing stormwater runoff, maximizing filtration of overland flow and improving watershed health; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARIETTA, OHIO:

Section 1: That the Auditor of the City of Marietta, Ohio, shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to establish and designate the Urban Forestry Grant Fund, into which monies may be deposited for eligible expenditures such as for the purchase and planting of trees for public benefits, restoring community tree canopy with large-stature trees and promoting species diversity, reducing stormwater runoff, maximizing filtration of overland flow and improving watershed health.

Section 2: That this Resolution shall be and is hereby declared to be an EMERGENCY measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the City of Marietta, Ohio, and for the further reason that immediate action is necessary so

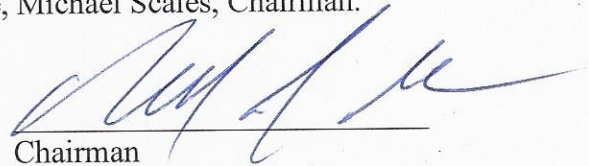
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an account may be established now, and will be in place so that when the funds are received by the City, the funds can be immediately deposited into the correct account.

WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its passage and approval by the Mayor

Introduced by the Finance and Taxation Committee, Michael Scales; Chairman.


Chairman

Passed this 21st day of March, 2024.


President of Council

ATTEST:


Clerk of Council

Approved this 21st day of March, 2024.


Mayor

First Reading March 21, 2024

Second Reading Suspended

Third Reading Suspended