

CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-28

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A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING STAFF TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE TREE POLICY FOR THE CITY OF SANTA FE.

WHEREAS, trees can provide significant environmental benefits to a city, including moderating climate, improving air quality, conserving water, and harboring wildlife; and

WHEREAS, those benefits vary by tree species and placement of trees within the environment; and

WHEREAS, scientifically-oriented tree management can maximize the benefits achieved from trees and minimize any negative consequences associated with certain species or placements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE that staff is directed to develop a comprehensive tree policy for the city.

This policy should include, but not be limited to:

1. Developing a plan to replace aging street trees and to plant street trees in areas that have been without them or where removed and that the plan make recommendations

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regarding best management practices;

2. Re-evaluating the role of trees in the current land use codes and making recommendations about code amendments where appropriate;

3. Developing a list of recommended trees that are compatible with different micro-climates within the city's high desert environment and in different situations such as street trees and medians;

4. Developing a tree plan for the city's parks and open spaces;

5. Exploring resources, such as Re-Leaf or the National Arbor Day association, that may provide funding for new and replacement trees and coordinating with the state forester; and

6. Any other issue concerning trees that staff deems appropriate to include in this comprehensive policy.

7. Within 90 days of the adoption of this resolution, preparing a budget outlining the costs associated with carrying out the above.

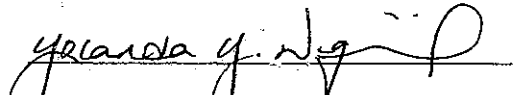
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this policy shall include the information and action necessary to make the City of Santa Fe, a "Tree City USA."

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 28th day of March, 2007.



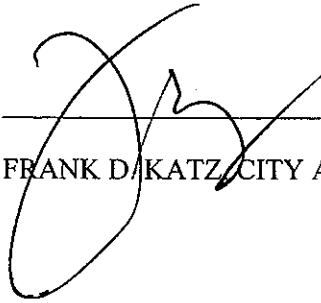
DAVID COSS, MAYOR

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