

MUNICIPAL ORDER 6-2024

A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR THE KENTUCKY URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY ASSISTANCE GRANT THROUGH THE KENTUCKY DIVISION OF FORESTRY IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$97,950.00, THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH WILL BE UTILIZED BY THE OWENBORO PARKS DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH A STRONG URBAN FORESTRY PROGRAM WITHIN THE CITY OF OWENSBORO; NO CASH MATCH IS REQUIRED BY THE CITY.

WHEREAS, the City of Owensboro has lost over 150 trees in the last three (3) years due to ice storms, a tornado and other significant wind storms within our area; and

WHEREAS, the Owensboro Parks Department seeks to create an urban and community forest by planning and planting new trees; and

WHEREAS, an urban and community forest is a dynamic ecosystem that provides critical benefits to our communities and is included in parks, street trees, greenways, etc.; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owensboro seeks to file an application for the Kentucky Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Grant through the Kentucky Division of Forestry in the approximate amount of \$97,950.00, the proceeds of which will be utilized by the Owensboro Parks Department to establish a strong urban forestry program. The program will secure an ISA certified tree arborist to determine the best location for planting new trees and fund replacement trees. No cash match is required by the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY OF OWENSBORO,
KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. That the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to execute an application for the Kentucky Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Grant through the Kentucky Division of Forestry in the approximate amount of \$97,950.00, the proceeds of which will be utilized by the Owensboro Parks Department to establish a strong urban forestry program. The program will secure an ISA certified tree arborist to determine the best location for planting new trees and fund replacement trees.

Section 2. That the Mayor, City Manager and appropriate staff members are hereby authorized to sign any and all other documents deemed necessary to the furtherance of the authority outlined herein.

**INTRODUCED, PUBLICLY READ AND FINALLY APPROVED ON ONE
READING,** this the 19th day of March, 2024.

Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Davis, City Clerk