

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, ENCOURAGING THE USE OF DROUGHT-RESISTANT OR OKLAHOMA-PROVEN TREES AND SHRUBS IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE AESTHETICS AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE CITY OF NORMAN DURING PERIODS OF DROUGHT CONDITIONS.

- § 1. WHEREAS, the City of Norman City Council wants to encourage the use of drought-resistant or Oklahoma-proven plants; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, the City of Norman City Council recognizes that the State of Oklahoma, over the last century, has experienced repetitive drought cycles, and current data indicates that Oklahoma is in a drought period; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the use of drought-resistant or Oklahoma-proven plants will help to ensure that landscaped areas of City-owned property or private developments will improve the aesthetics and quality of life in the City of Norman during periods of drought conditions; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, with impending water shortages, planting trees and shrubs that are more drought tolerant is the best long term solution to a healthier, low maintenance landscape; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the City of Norman City Council has directed City Staff to compile of list of drought-resistant and Oklahoma-proven plants, and that list is attached to this Resolution; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, selecting trees and shrubs that require less water to maintain healthy growth will increase chances of survival during drought conditions; and
- § 7. WHEREAS, Oklahoma-proven trees and shrubs are better adapted to local soil, moisture, climate and pest conditions; and
- § 8. WHEREAS, utilizing Oklahoma-proven trees and shrubs furthers the purpose of the City's adopted Water Conservation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 9. That the City of Norman, on all new City projects and in cases of replacement of trees and shrubs, will plant drought-resistant or Oklahoma-proven plant species and will use the attached list as a guide for doing so; and
- § 10. That City Staff is directed to make available an informational guide to Norman citizens that encourages the use of such plant species; and

§ 11. That City Staff is directed to draft an amendment to Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances that updates the list of approved plants for new commercial developments within the City of Norman in accordance with this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2013.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk