

31ST BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES CITY OF STAMFORD

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RESOLUTION NO. 4148 ADVOCATING A TREE PRESERVATION AND PLANTING PROGRAM AND LAND USE REGULATIONS TO COMBAT THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY RECOGNIZED IN BOARD RESOLUTION 4130

WHEREAS; the 31st Board of Representatives, in Resolution 4130 recognized the conclusions of the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, documented the harm and risks of said climate change on the City of Stamford, and has thereby acknowledged and declared the existence of a climate emergency; and

WHEREAS; such an emergency demands actions to mitigate the emergency with deliberate speed; and

WHEREAS; excess carbon dioxide (CO₂) in the atmosphere is a major contributor to the climate emergency; and

WHEREAS; the preserving, planting and maintaining trees is recognized as an effective strategy to remove CO₂ from the atmosphere; and

WHEREAS; a robust tree canopy reduces the urban heat island effect, improves the quality of air, overall ambiance; and

WHEREAS; land development must take into consideration the services provided by the environment for the wellbeing of society; and


WHEREAS; the City owns parks, golf courses, rights of way, open spaces, and other land suitable for tree planting.


NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE 31ST BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT, with deliberate speed, the Administration develops and implements a robust tree planting and maintenance program that on a one-to-one basis preserves the existing canopy and plants to maximize the tree canopy in each of the lands under its control consistent with their intended use.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE 31ST BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT to support this enhanced program the Administration supplement any currently allocated funding for tree maintenance and replacement with an additional appropriation, if necessary, and pursue all available sources of grants for this purpose.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE 31ST BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT land use regulations incorporate requirements for the protection and preservation of the environment.

This resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda at the Regular Meeting of the 31st Board of Representatives held on September 6, 2022.


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