



Legislation Text

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The City of Madison's 2020 Adopted Operating Budget anticipates \$5,225,341 in revenue from the Urban Forestry Special Charge, an increase of \$809,499 (18.3%) over the 2020 budgeted revenue of \$4,415,842. The 2020 rate recovers the City's costs associated with forestry efforts. These expenditures are budgeted in 2020 in the Streets Division operating budget with the 2020 transfer of the Forestry service from the Parks Division to the Streets Division. Activities supported by these services include stump removal, tree removal and replacement, and general maintenance of the City's urban forest.

Approve the 2020 Urban Forestry Special Charge.

Preamble

In 2014, Section 4.095 of the Madison General Ordinance was created to establish an Urban Forestry Special Charge. The ordinance created the urban forestry special charge in the City based upon the authority granted the City by Wis. Stat 66.0627, pursuant to Sec. 4.09(13) MGO. The costs of the program that will be recovered include all urban forestry costs incurred by the City to the City to maintain, protect and grow the City's urban forest. The charge will only recover for services actually performed by the City, and the amount imposed may be adjusted throughout the year to account for greater or lesser expenditures. The urban forestry program serves all real property in the City and the charges are apportioned based upon the Urban Forestry Special Charge Policy, as originally approved on July 7, 2015 by RES-15-00597 (Legislative File ID No. 38644), amended on May 17, 2016 by RES-16-00368 (Legislative File ID No. 42706) and amended on May 15, 2018 by RES-18-00396 (Legislative File ID No. 51421).

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2014, the Common Council adopted Ordinance ORD-14-00162, File 35038, creating Section 4.095 of the Madison General Ordinances, which ordinance established an urban forestry special charge in the City of Madison; and,

WHEREAS, the intent of the urban forestry special charge is to recover the costs to the City to maintain and manage the City's urban forest through its urban forestry program, which program provides a service to all real property in the City; and,

WHEREAS, special charge is administered pursuant to the Urban Forestry Special Charge Policy (2018 Update) (Legislative File ID No. 51421); and

WHEREAS, the 2020 adopted operating budget calls for \$5,225,341 in net revenue to the City from the Urban Forestry Special Charge (Legislative File 57501); and,

WHEREAS, the Urban Forestry Special Charge rates need to be updated to reflect the net revenue target established with the adoption of the 2020 Operating Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the 2020 Urban Forestry Special Charge rates provided in Attachment A are hereby adopted in accordance with Section 4.095 of the Madison General Ordinance and the Urban Forestry Special Charge Policy (2018 Update), based upon the net revenue target established by the 2020 adopted operating budget;
2. That the date by which such special charges shall be paid in full is October 31, 2020; and,

3. That these approved Urban Forestry Special Charge rates shall continue until a new schedule is approved by the Common Council.