

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 20-O-03

Resolution and Ordinance of the Town of University Park to amend Chapter 16 “Tree Maintenance”, by repealing and re-enacting § 16-104, “Tree Replacement” of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of University Park, to provide for reimbursement of \$100 for planting of an understory tree approved by the Town on private property, with a maximum amount in five years of \$300.

WHEREAS, pursuant to §5-202 of the Local Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of University Park have the power to pass such ordinances as deemed necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the municipality and to prevent and remove nuisances; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Common Council have adopted Chapter 16 of the Town Code, “Tree Maintenance” to protect the trees on public property in the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Common Council adopted § 16-104, “Tree Replacement”, to encourage reforestation by reimbursing owners of land within the Town for planting selected shade trees; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Common Council wish expand the reimbursement benefit to apply to understory trees in order to promote and protect healthy trees on private land.

EXPLANATION:

CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW

~~[Brackets]~~ indicate matter deleted from existing law

* * Asterisks* * indicate existing law which are unchanged but not set forth in the ordinance

CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED BY AMENDMENT TO THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

~~[Brackets]~~ indicate matter deleted by amendment to the proposed ordinance

Section 1: NOW THEREFORE be it resolved and ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of University Park that Chapter 16 "Tree Maintenance", § 16-104 "Tree Replacement", of the Code of the Town of University Park, be repealed, re-enacted and amended to read as follows:

§ 16-104 Tree replacement.

The Town may offer reimbursement of up to \$300 toward the purchase price of any tree listed in the Official Town Shade Tree List that is planted on private property, not to exceed a total of \$900 in a five-year period to any individual household or property, upon such terms and conditions as the Town deems reasonable. UNDER THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS, THE TOWN MAY OFFER REIMBURSEMENT OF UP TO \$100 TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF ANY LISTED UNDERSTORY TREE, NOT TO EXCEED A TOTAL OF \$300 IN A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD. Any reimbursements are subject to appropriation and available funding. Approved reimbursement will be made available after successful planting of said tree(s).

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this resolution shall become effective twenty (20) days after enactment by the Mayor and Common Council of University Park.

Section 3: Be it further resolved that a complete and exact copy of this proposed Ordinance shall be posted on the entrance door of the Town Building of University Park, Maryland, for a period of not less than ten (10) days, and a fair summary of this Ordinance shall be published at least once in a newspaper having general circulation in the community.

APPROVED this 2nd day of March, 2020

ATTEST:

MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL
TOWN OF UNIVERSITY PARK



By: 
Lenford C. Carey, Mayor

APPOVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By: 
Suellen M. Ferguson, Town Attorney