



Medford City Council
Medford, Massachusetts

MEETING DATE

January 21, 2025

SPONSORED BY

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AGENDA ITEM

24-493 - Resolution to Establish Volunteer Tree Planting Program

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

Whereas Medford loses an estimated 500 or more trees each year, and plants less than 250 trees each year; and

Whereas the cost of planting city trees is primarily in the labor to plant the trees (rather than the cost of the sapling); and

Whereas Medford only has one full time staff member dedicated to our trees (Tree Warden); and

Whereas Medford currently contracts out for tree planting, which is more expensive than planting with an in-house crew; and

Whereas trees are a vital part of fighting climate change, help cool buildings and streets in summer, and add to the beauty of our city; and

Whereas Medford has many residents who want to volunteer to plant city trees; therefore

Be it Resolved that the Public Works and Facilities Committee invite DPW Commissioner Tim McGivern to attend an upcoming meeting to begin discussing the possibility of allowing Medford residents to volunteer to help plant city trees.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None

