

March 2, 2022

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council 202200526  
**From:** John P. Curp, Interim City Manager  
**Subject:** Resolution – 2023 Urban Forestry Special Assessment

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Attached is a resolution captioned:

**DECLARING** the necessity of assessing for the control of blight and disease of shade trees along the streets and the public right-of-way, and for planting, care, maintenance, trimming, and removing of shade trees in and along the streets within the City of Cincinnati's Urban Forestry Maintenance District for the year 2023.

The Board of Park Commissioners at their **December 16, 2021**, meeting recommended an assessment rate of \$0.31 per front foot to continue funding of street tree maintenance and planting services in 2023. It was determined that the existing rate of \$0.21 per front foot is insufficient to continue current service levels and various program activities and has resulted in budget deficits for the Urban Forestry program. As detailed in the supporting documentation, the increased rate is necessary to cover substantial additional costs of operations. For a majority of property owners, including those above and below the low- to moderate-income levels, the increase amounts to approximately \$5.00 per year (from \$10.50 to \$15.50). The Administration recommends the adoption of this resolution.

Attachment I – Assessment Resolution

Attachment 2 – Work Plan Narrative and Budget

Attachment 3 – Executive Summary of Budget Justification

cc: John Neyer, Interim Director of Parks  
Robin O. Hunt, Supervisor of Urban Forestry  
Andrew Garth, City Solicitor