THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS SPONSORED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DISCON;
MOTIONED FOR ADOPTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER ZUCKERMAN AND SECONDED FOR
ADOPTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER STRONG-THOMPSON

## RESOLUTION NO. 25-10

## A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE PARKS AND PARKWAYS COMMISSION ON TOPICS IDENTIFIED AS PRIORITY CONCERNS TO BE ADDRESSED THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE

WHEREAS, the Parks and Parkways Commission serves as the Official Tree Board of the City of Mandeville and the Commission's authority and duties include such items as to study the urban forest including problems and opportunities involving the city tree population, and determine tree related needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Purpose and Intent of Section 9.2 Landscape Regulations is to preserve the existing natural vegetation and encourage the incorporation of plant materials, especially native plants, plant communities and ecosystems into landscape design, where possible; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Parkways Commission is concerned about the continued loss of trees throughout the City which affects the urban forest canopy; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Parkways Commission believes that additional regulation is needed to help reduce future damages to the urban canopy and landscape throughout the City of Mandeville; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Parks and Parkways Commission of the City of Mandeville propose four key areas as critical initiatives for closer examination of the regulatory targets, language and enforcement mechanisms within and related to CLURO across all zoning classifications

- 1. Strengthen Natural Landscape Protections by:
  - a. Increasing the percentage of native trees protected in all zoning classes.
  - b. Encourage greater native tree preservation by expanding the definition of "native tree" beyond Live Oak (Quercus virginiana).
  - c. Define the use of green infrastructure in the landscape code.
- 2. Complete a review of native landscapes, remnant urban forest canopy cover, soils and terrain with all necessary amendments defined and incorporated.
  - a. Create changes to CLURO Section 9.2 that recognize the importance of our native soils to our urban forest canopy AND to water management/flood control.
  - b. Create easily accessible educational programs and tools to inform residents and developers about the value of our native soils to the total ecosystem.
- 3. Amend section 9.2.3 in the CLURO to add a definition of Green Infrastructure
  - a. Educate and incentivize Green Infrastructure as an instrument and a target of remediation.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this property will be located in Council District Three (3); and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that following the annexation of the above-described immovable property into the corporate limits of the City of Mandeville that the boundaries of the City of Mandeville shall thereafter be as set forth and described on the process verbal attached hereto and made a part hereof

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** that this site is located in the Annexation Area 1 for annexation and that all generated Sales Tax Revenues shall be shared 80% to the City and 20% to the District in accordance with Ordinance No. 90-10 and that certain Sales Tax Enhancement Plan entered into by and between the City of Mandeville and the Parish of St. Tammany on September 20, 1990, or as modified by written agreement between the Parish of St. Tammany and the City of Mandeville by subsequent Annexation Growth Plan(s); and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that all sections and provisions of this ordinance be deemed separate and severable, and that in the event that any one or more of the provisions of this ordinance be deemed unenforceable or unconstitutional by any final judgment, order, or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, that such finding shall have no effect on the remaining sections and provisions of this ordinance.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the Clerk of this Council be and she is hereby authorized and empowered to take any and all actions which she, in the exercise of her discretion, deems necessary to promulgate the provisions of this ordinance.

The ordinance being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Zuckerman, Lane, Strong-Thompson, Vogeltanz, Discon

NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

**ABSTENTIONS: 0** 

and the ordinance was declared adopted this 10th day of April 2025

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Clerk of Council

Council Chairman