

RESOLUTION NO. 1042

INTRODUCED BY: ALDERWOMAN SAUNDERS ALDERMAN PLUFKA
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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BRENTWOOD, MISSOURI, TO SUPPORT THE ST. LOUIS AUDUBON SOCIETY'S BRING CONSERVATION HOME PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Landscaping with native plants to restore habitat is essential for our native birds, butterflies and each other and we believe that a variety of landscapes add diversity and value to the quality of life in the City of Brentwood; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that landowners' are interested in having managed native and non-native invasive landscapes and encourages the preservation, restoration, and management of native plant communities and wildlife habitats within City limits; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges the need to enjoy and benefit from the variety, beauty and practical values of natural landscapes as viable and desirable alternatives to other conventional modes of landscaping that are created and sustained in condition of ecological stability in good health and vigor in compliance with Brentwood Municipal Codes, as opposed to one of impairment and decline. It is not the City's intent to allow vegetated areas to be unmanaged or overgrown in ways that may adversely affect human health or safety; and

WHEREAS, the City supports the Bring Conservation Home Program, which is an urban land habitat restoration assistance and certification program coordinated by the St. Louis Audubon Society. The Certification Program supports the restoration of native plant and animal habitat on urban properties by encouraging sustainable plantings, removal of invasive plant species and promotion of healthy habitat for birds, pollinators, and native wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the City supports the goal of the Bring Conservation Home Certification Program to address native and non-native invasive plants, water conservation and stewardship practices for the benefit of birds, butterflies, and other animals and people; and

WHEREAS, the City understands that the program is voluntary, property owner paid-for-certification program for small, private landowners in the St. Louis area; and

WHEREAS, there are no costs to the City of Brentwood and Brentwood residents voluntarily participating in the program will receive the service for a reduced fee of \$25 (normally \$50). The fee covers the landowner's participation and one year support from the St. Louis Audubon Society. The fee includes one initial site assessment and consultation visit plus one optional follow-up certification visit; and

WHEREAS, the City will publicize the program to Brentwood residents through the website, city newsletters, and other media outlets as space allows.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Louis Audubon Society's Bring Conservation Home Program be endorsed through this resolution by the City of Brentwood, Missouri, with the understanding that this endorsement commits the City of Brentwood to take responsibly for marketing the availability of the Bring Conservation Home to its residents. In addition, Brentwood landowners within city limits will be eligible to participate in the program for a reduced fee.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2015.

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2015.

Attest:

Christopher A. Thornton, Mayor

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City Clerk/Administrator

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