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A RESOLUTION COMMITTING THE TOWN OF ELSMERE TO INCREASE THE URBAN TREE CANOPY

Proposed By: Mayor Eric Thompson

Date: March 8, 2018

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WHEREAS, the State of Delaware, Department of Agriculture, Delaware Forest Service desires that the Town of Elsmere resolves to increase the urban tree canopy at the rate of one percent (1%) over a ten-year period; and

WHEREAS, with more than 1,000 trees, including numerous oak, sycamore, maple, ironwood, beech and cherry, along with additional species, Elsmere is a tree-friendly community. Our trees offer an excellent canopy which is aesthetically pleasing, as well as, functional, providing shade on hot summer days; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious top soil by wind and water, lower our heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife. Trees in our Town increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Town of Elsmere hereby commits to increase the urban tree canopy at the rate of one percent (1%) over a ten-year period, if feasible. If the 1% increase is not met in 10 years, the urban tree canopy goal can be revisited and a new goal may be set at that time.

RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL THIS 8TH DAY OF MARCH, 2018.

Eric Thompson, Mayor

Brian Hurst, Secretary

Synopsis

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This Resolution commits the Town of Elsmere to increase its urban tree canopy by 1% over a ten-year period.

Fiscal Impact

None