

TOWN OF ODESSA

RESOLUTION 2012-1

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE ODESSA TREE COMMISSION'S TREE CANOPY GOALS FOR THE TOWN OF ODESSA

WHEREAS, Title 3, Chapter 10, Subchapter III, of the Delaware Code authorizes Delaware municipalities to prepare a Comprehensive Urban Forest Resource Plan, for the purposes of encouraging the most appropriate uses of the physical and fiscal resources of the municipality and coordinating municipal growth, development and infrastructure investment actions with those of other municipalities, counties and the State to grow and protect forest resources; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Odessa grants unto the Tree Commission the powers and functions requisite to or appropriate for the government of the town, its peace and order, its sanitation, beauty, the health, safety, convenience, government and well being of its population, and the protection and preservation of property, public and private; and

WHEREAS, Delaware's Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Program provides guidance to municipalities in order to effectuate the goal of having well drawn and executed Comprehensive Urban Forest Resource Plans for all Delaware's municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Odessa developed a Community Forestry Master Plan in 2010. The goal of this management plan is to provide a strategic approach to sustaining the urban and community trees on a short and long-term basis. The master plan also includes an inventory of existing trees with species and health of the trees. The Town of Odessa will strive to maintain an urban forest of young and old trees, as well as a, healthy variety of species of trees;

WHEREAS, the Tree Commission, in consultation with the public, interested parties, and government agencies, have determined the existing forest canopy density for the Town to be 19.07% and desire to significantly grow this resource to further articulate the Town's commitment to preserving and enhancing forest resources;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor & Council of the Town of Odessa, in session met, this 5th day of March, 2012, that:

In accordance with Title 3, Chapter 10, Subchapter III, of the Delaware Code and the Town of Odessa, the Mayor and Council do hereby recognize the Town's existing forest canopy density of 19.07% and

commit to developing and implementing a plan in cooperation with citizens with the intention to grow the resource at a 2%-3% growth rate each year over the next 10 years as part of the Town's continued commitment to preserving and enhancing its natural resources.

Effective date: 3/5/12

Enacted the 5th day of March 2012

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