



Resolution 2023-89

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE TEMPORARY DELAY OF LEVYING PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS FOR THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REMOVING TREES INFESTED WITH EMERALD ASH BORER (EAB) ON PRIVATE PROPERTY UNTIL OCTOBER 4, 2023 TO ALLOW TIME FOR A FUNDING SOLUTION TO BE ESTABLISHED FOR RESIDENTS IN NEED IN MINNEAPOLIS THROUGH MEANS OF A THIRD PARTY, AND TO CONTINUE TO IDENTIFY EAB INFESTED TREES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY AS A MEASURE OF PUBLIC HEALTH; AND EMPOWERING STAFF TO WORK WITH LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS, HENNEPIN COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WHO HELP PROVIDE ASSISTANCE FOR HOMEOWNERSHIP FEES TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE DURING THIS PERIOD IN MINNEAPOLIS; AND DIRECTING STAFF TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON AUGUST 2, 2023 AND OCTOBER 4, 2023

Whereas, The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) is the steward of Minneapolis parks;

Whereas, The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board performs inspections and, in some cases, facilitates the removal of diseased trees on private property;

Whereas, Some homeowners have expressed serious concerns, especially in North Minneapolis, about the costs associated with tree removal on private property and have also expressed a need for a assistance to address those costs;

Whereas, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board staff have met with community members to better understand the needs of homeowners;

Whereas, Staff can create an Emergency Action Committee or other named group to address the specific concerns of EAB tree removal costs on private land that are identified by MPRB staff and are meeting with representatives from the State, Hennepin County and City of Minneapolis to develop a coordinated approach to assistance; and

Whereas, Delaying the levying of property assessment until October 4, 2023 will not have a financial impact on the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board;

RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners directs the temporary delay of levying property assessments for the costs associated with removing trees infested with EAB on private property until October 4, 2023 to allow time for a funding solution to be established for residents in need in Minneapolis through means of a third party;

RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners directs staff to continue to identify EAB infested trees on private property as a measure of public health;



RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners empowers MPRB staff to work with local organizations including the City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, State of Minnesota, and other organizations who help provide assistance for homeownership fees to address this issue during this period in Minneapolis;

RESOLVED, Staff will report back to the Board on August 2, 2023 and October 4, 2023; and

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board and Secretary to the Board are authorized to take all necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution.



TO: Administration and Finance Committee

FROM: Com Menz and Vice President Smith

DATE: May 10, 2023

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE TEMPORARY DELAY OF LEVYING PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS FOR THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REMOVING TREES INFESTED WITH EMERALD ASH BORER (EAB) ON PRIVATE PROPERTY UNTIL OCTOBER 4, 2023 TO ALLOW TIME FOR A FUNDING SOLUTION TO BE ESTABLISHED FOR RESIDENTS IN NEED IN MINNEAPOLIS THROUGH MEANS OF A THIRD PARTY, AND TO CONTINUE TO IDENTIFY EAB INFESTED TREES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY AS A MEASURE OF PUBLIC HEALTH; AND EMPOWERING STAFF TO WORK WITH LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS, HENNEPIN COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WHO HELP PROVIDE ASSISTANCE FOR HOMEOWNERSHIP FEES TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE DURING THIS PERIOD IN MINNEAPOLIS; AND DIRECTING STAFF TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON AUGUST 2, 2023 AND OCTOBER 4, 2023

BACKGROUND

Resolution submitted on behalf of Commissioner Menz and Vice President Smith.

RECOMMENDATION

Resolution submitted on behalf of Commissioner Menz and Vice President Smith.

Goal:

Strategy:

Attachments: