

RESOLUTION NO. 26-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE URBAN FORESTRY MASTER PLAN (UFMP), AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS NECESSARY OR INCIDENTAL TO IMPLEMENT THE UFMP, SUBJECT TO BUDGET APPROPRIATION AND AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERROR; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale has long prioritized the importance of its urban forest and the many environmental benefits it provides, as shown by its 45-year history as a Tree City USA; and

WHEREAS, trees offer many benefits that enhance the quality of life in the City of Fort Lauderdale including, but not limited to, shade, area beautification, carbon sequestration, energy savings, increase in property value, and reduction of stormwater runoff; and

WHEREAS, the City's Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan, adopted by the City Commission in 2020 (CAM #20-0571), recognizes the overall importance of trees to the City and sets a goal of increasing tree canopy to 33% by calendar year 2040, among others; and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2025, the City staff finalized a proposed Urban Forestry Master Plan (UFMP), providing 62 recommended actions in 14 key action areas, to achieve the City's established tree canopy goals and presented that plan to the City's Sustainability Advisory Board ("SAB") for consideration; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2025, the SAB presented a written communication to the City Commission (CAM #25-1115) recommending the City Commission approves the UFMP; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds accepting the UFMP serves a legitimate municipal purpose by promoting the City's established forestry plan and enhancing the quality of life for its residents, and desires to authorize the City Manager or designee to implement the UFMP's recommended strategies and actions for increasing the City's tree canopy to 33% by calendar year 2040, subject to annual budget appropriation and availability of funds to cover

potential fiscal impact to the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, hereby accepts the City of Fort Lauderdale Urban Forestry Master Plan (UFMP) for increasing the City's tree canopy to 33% by calendar year 2040.

SECTION 2. That the City Manager or designee is hereby authorized to implement the UFMP's recommended strategies and actions for increasing the City's tree canopy to 33% by calendar year 2040 and execute any and all agreements and documents necessary or incidental thereto.

SECTION 3. That implementation of the UFMP for increasing the City's tree canopy to 33% by calendar year 2040 is subject to annual budget appropriation and availability of funds to cover potential fiscal impact to the City.

SECTION 4. That the office of the City Attorney shall review and approve as to form all documents prior to their execution by the City Manager or designee.

SECTION 5. That the City Attorney is authorized to correct any non-substantive scrivener's errors in this Resolution without the need for a public hearing.

SECTION 6. That if any clause, section, or other part of this Resolution shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Resolution shall not be affected thereby but shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. That all resolutions or part(s) of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 8. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

City Clerk
DAVID R. SOLOMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:

City Attorney
SHARI L. McCARTNEY

Dean J. Trantalis _____

John C. Herbst _____

Steven Glassman _____

Pamela Beasley-Pittman _____

Ben Sorensen _____