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RESOLUTION NO. R26-103

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, ADOPTING LISTS FOR APPROVED TREE SPECIES, PROHIBITED TREE SPECIES, AND RESTRICTED TREE SPECIES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS; AND TO REPEAL ALL RESOLUTIONS OR PORTIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the City has adopted changes to Chapter 92 of Title IX of the Columbus City Code concerning tree species on public property, and pursuant to said changes must adopt lists for Approved Tree Species, Prohibited Tree Species, and Restricted Tree Species.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, that the following lists for Approved Tree Species, Prohibited Tree Species, and Restricted Tree Species on public property are hereby adopted and approved:

- **Approved Tree Species:**
 - Large Canopy Trees:
 - Bur Oak
 - Swamp White Oak
 - Red Oak
 - Chinkapin Oak
 - Kentucky Coffeetree
 - American Linden
 - Sycamore
 - Bald Cypress
 - Tuliptree (where appropriate)
 - Medium Trees:
 - Red Maple
 - Sugar Maple
 - Freeman Maple cultivars
 - Ginkgo (male cultivars only)
 - London Planetree
 - Ornamental Trees:
 - Serviceberry
 - Eastern Redbud
 - American Hornbeam
 - Japanese Tree Lilac
 - Disease resistant Crabapple cultivars
 - Approved Elm Cultivars:
 - Accolade
 - American

- Patriot
 - Princeton
 - New Horizon
 - Triumph
 - Valley Forge
- Honeylocust (thornless, seedless, cultivars)
- Ponderosa Pine
- Eastern White Pine
- Blue Spruce (limited)
- Norway Maple (phase down over time)
- Silver Maple (limited use only)
- Red Pine
- **Prohibited Tree Species:**
 - All Ash species
 - Tree of Heaven
 - Russian Olive
 - All Poplar species
 - Boxelder
 - All Willow species
 - Mulberry
 - Siberian Elm
 - Chinese Elm
 - Non-approved Elm species
 - Bradford/Callery Pear and related cultivars
 - Horse Chestnut
 - Buckeye
 - Pecan
 - Most Cypress species (except Bald Cypress where appropriate)
 - Evergreens
- **Restricted Tree Species:**
 - Hackberry
 - Juniper
 - Ponderosa Pine
 - Silver Maple
 - Eastern Cottonwood
 - Bald Cypress (where appropriate)
 - Other Species not specifically listed on the approved or prohibited tree species list.

The Mayor is hereby authorized, directed, and empowered to execute this resolution on behalf of the City of Columbus.

This Resolution shall take force and effect immediately.

This resolution shall repeal all resolutions or portions thereof in conflict herewith.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER _____

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY