

FARMINGTON CITY, UTAH

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-03

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A "PUBLIC TREE MANAGEMENT PLAN" AS AN ELEMENT OF THE FARMINGTON CITY COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL PLAN.**

**WHEREAS**, the City has determined that to promote the orderly growth of the City, and to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the residents of the City, the General Plan should be amended to add a document titled the "Farmington City Public Tree Management Plan"; and

**WHEREAS**, in conjunction with the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands the Farmington City Parks and Recreation Department has prepared a proposed Public Tree Management Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Farmington City Planning Commission has reviewed the Public Tree Management Plan and has recommended that said plan be incorporated as part of the General Plan of the City as set forth herein and has held all appropriate public hearings before the Planning Commission in accordance with Utah law to obtain public input regarding the proposed amendment to the General Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has reviewed the proposed Trail Master Plan amendment recommended by the Planning Commission and has held all appropriate public meetings in accordance with Utah law regarding the proposed amendment to the General Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to adopt the proposed Public Tree Management Plan, as an element of the Farmington City Comprehensive General Plan;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF FARMINGTON CITY, STATE OF UTAH:**

**Section 1.** Amendment. The Farmington City Comprehensive General Plan, is hereby amended by adding the "Farmington City Public Tree Management Plan", which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and by this reference made a part hereof.

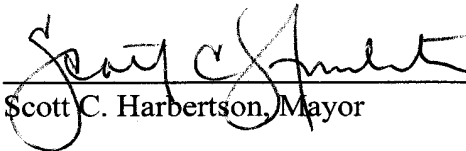
**Section 2.** Severability. If any section, subsection, clause, sentence or portion of this Ordinance is declared, for any reason, to be unconstitutional, invalid, void or unlawful, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance and such remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 3.** Omission not Waiver. The omission to specify or enumerate in this Chapter those provisions of general law applicable to all cities shall not be construed as a waiver of the benefits of any such provisions.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication or posting, or thirty (30) days after passage, whichever occurs first.

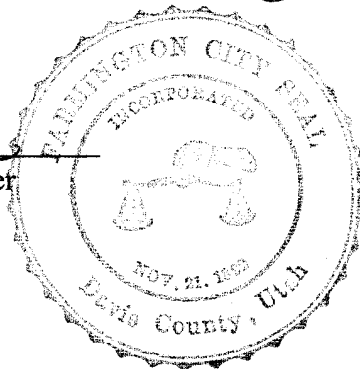
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of Farmington City, State of Utah, on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

FARMINGTON CITY

  
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Scott C. Harbertson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Holly Gadd, City Recorder



## Exhibit "A"

### Farmington City - Public Tree Management Plan

The City of Farmington recognizes the contribution of tree resources and the efforts of tree stewards whom have established valued trees within the community. It is the intent of Farmington City to sustain these resources and continue to promote and manage trees for the betterment of its citizenry. In the course of providing public services, the city will focus its actions regarding trees as noted below. These actions shall comprise the Public Tree Management Plan.

- Promote trees within new urban development.
- Establish diverse species of trees.
- Incorporate *ISA Best Management Practices* into tree care work.
- Encourage *ISA Certified Arborist* professionalism within the Parks Department staff.
- Implement a regular inspection and maintenance cycle for trees, integrating use of the *Tree Inventory* database.
- Maintain Tree Board function and provide advice to other municipal service departments on tree issues and tree care practices.
- Publicly promote trees and invite volunteerism.
- Direct citizens to professional *ISA Certified Arborists* for tree care services and USU Extension for general tree care information.
- Recognize and preserve private property rights.
- Promote tree safety and mitigate public risks.
- Participate in the *Arbor Day Foundation's - Tree City USA program*.
- Seek partnerships for projects promoting and maintaining trees.
- Develop a maintenance and replacement plan for historic London planetree and green ash trees on State and Main streets, and other historic Public Trees in the community.
- Implement, review and update the *Hazard Tree Detection and Mitigation Plan* as necessary.