

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-007

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mountain Brook, Alabama desires to amend its "Significant Accounting and Management Policies" previously adopted in Resolution 99-168 and as amended and restated by Resolutions 00-09 and 09-51;

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mountain Brook, Alabama that effective upon the date of this resolution, the Council does hereby amend the "Significant Accounting and Management Policies" by adding the following section:

"PUBLIC REQUESTS FOR TRAFFIC ISLAND AND COMMUNITY ENTRANCE OR GATEWAY BEAUTIFICATION AND IMPROVEMENTS POLICY

WHEREAS the City periodically receives requests from residents, neighborhoods and garden clubs to beautify traffic islands and community entrances or gateways within the public right-of-way ("Traffic Island and Entrance Improvements"). The requested improvements usually consist of landscaping, irrigation, curbing and the installation of decorative street lighting. On many occasions, those individuals or groups making these requests offer to pay the cost of landscaping provided the City will install higher or better curbing.

PURSUANT THERETO, the City Council hereby adopts the following policies with respect to such requests:

- The City Council may include in its annual operating budget an amount of up to \$15,000 for Traffic Island and Entrance Improvements.
- Upon request of residents, merchants, neighborhoods, civic associations, and like entities, the City Council may agree to commit funds toward the Traffic Island and Entrance Improvements (not including curbing work to be performed by the Public Works Department or ongoing maintenance) within the ranges and subject to the conditions and considerations indicated below:

<u>Area of Traffic Island and/or Community Entrance or Gateway</u>	<u>City Contribution</u>
Up to 3,000 square feet	\$ 1,000.00
3,000 - 6,000 square feet	\$ 2,000.00
6,000 + square feet	\$ 3,000.00

The City's agreement to participate in and the amount of its contribution to a proposed beautification project may be based on any of a number of variables, including but not limited to the amount of budgeted funds available for expenditure, the overall cost and "cost-effectiveness" of the proposed improvements and any related improvements that may be required, the costs and feasibility of ongoing maintenance requirements, the willingness of project sponsors or proponents to enter into initial cost-sharing or long-term maintenance sharing agreements, the

overall benefit of the proposed project to the City as a whole, the receipt of objections, if any, from neighbors or other persons, the existence of safety concerns presented by the proposed project, if any, and the availability of special grants to defray the cost of the Traffic Island and Entrance Improvements or the maintenance thereof.

- Landscaping plans shall be submitted to the City for review and approval by appropriate authorities, including but not limited to the Police Department and Parks and Recreation Director, before work is performed to ensure it meets the City's standards and that sight visibility will be sufficient. The City may enter into a maintenance sharing agreement with garden clubs or neighborhood group for landscaping improvements.
- City will install curbing, if upgrades are needed, by Public Works Department.
- Requests for Traffic Island and Entrance Improvements that include irrigation or decorative street lights must be approved in advance by the City Council. The City may pay for the purchase of the light post and globe but installation cost will be the responsibility of the requesting group or neighborhood."

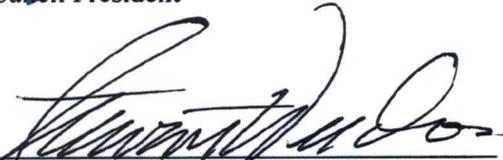
The City reserves complete and absolute discretion to deviate from or to modify the application of the foregoing policies, criteria, and guidelines if, in the judgment of the City Council or City officials, the interests of the City would be served thereby. Persons, firms, or organizations shall not have or be invested with any legally enforceable right or entitlement based upon the existence and content of these policies and guidelines.

ADOPTED: This ___th day of January, 2017.



Council President

APPROVED: This ___th day of January, 2017.



Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Steven Boone, City Clerk of the City of Mountain Brook, Alabama hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Mountain Brook at its regular meeting held on January 10, 2017, as same appears in the minutes of record of said meeting.



City Clerk