AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 17 SECTION 17-25 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF CRESTWOOD, MISSOURI RELATING TO THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 17 SECTION 17-26 REGARDING BEAUTIFICATION GRANTS

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crestwood (the "City") has previously adopted ordinances creating a Beautification Committee; and

WHEREAS, currently, the Beautification Committee is responsible for administering beautification grants to owners, trustees and/or lessees of real property within the City to improve, landscape, and beautify public rights-of-way, other public or common ground, and private property in private locations pursuant to Section 17-26 of the City Code; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to dissolve the Beautification Committee and provide that the City Parks Department oversee the City's beautification grant process found in Section 17-26 of the Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen finds that the dissolution of the Beautification Committee and the transfer of the grant process to the City Parks Department would be in the best interest of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CRESTWOOD, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

<u>SECTION 1</u>: Chapter 17, Section 17-25, Beautification Committee, of the Municipal Code of the City of Crestwood, Missouri is hereby repealed.

<u>SECTION 2</u>: Chapter 17, Section 17-26, Beautification Grants, is hereby amended to read as follows (with new language appearing in red and deleted language being struck through):

Chapter 17 Parks and Recreation

Section 17-26 Beautification Grants.

- In addition to the duties prescribed in § 17-25 of this chapter, the Beautification Committee The City shall administer a matching grant program for City beautification, as provided herein. The Beautification Committee Director of Parks and Recreation shall adopt guidelines for the submission and review of grant applications which are consistent with this section.
- (b) There is hereby established a matching grant program for City beautification, the purpose of which shall be to provide matching funds to the owners, trustees and/or lessees of real property within the City to improve, landscape and beautify public rights-of-way, other public or common ground, and private property in prominent locations. The availability of grants under this section is subject to the annual appropriation of adequate funds for this grant program by the Board of Aldermen. The amount of funds to be granted to any applicant shall be limited to not more than 50% of the approved itemized cost estimate of the improvements contemplated; provided, however, that in no event shall any such grant to an applicant exceed a total of \$500.
- (c) The Director of Parks and Recreation Beautification Committee will has the authority to adopt , at a public meeting, guidelines for the grant program consistent with this Chapter, which shall be approved by the City Administrator and City Attorney. No grant will be approved unless the committee Director of Parks and Recreation finds and determines, among other things, that the area to be improved consists of public rights-of-way, public or common ground, or private property that is, in the determination of the committee Director, in a prominent location and/or visible to a significant portion of the public, such that the improvement of such public or private property constitutes a direct and immediate benefit to the public health, safety and welfare.

SECTION 3: The remaining provisions of Chapter 17 shall remain in full force and effect.

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SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect on January 1, 2024.

PASSED AND SIGNED this 28th day of November, 2023.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED this 28th day of November, 2023.

Mayor