RESOLUTION 20-12

A resolution adopted in support of exploring options for maintaining rights-of-way within the incorporated area of the City of Battle Ground that are not owned and or currently managed by the City of Battle Ground, Washington

WHEREAS, in June of 2019 Battle Ground City Council adopted guiding principles to serve as a foundation for policy decisions; and

WHEREAS, Beautification was adopted as a guiding principle which states "protect and promote the City of Battle Ground by improving the presentation of city facilities and land to create a more welcoming environment for residents and visitors"; and

WHEREAS, Battle Ground Municipal Code 12.110.100 describes the landscaping to be maintained by the City of Battle Ground, and

WHEREAS, City Council has expressed the desire to increase beautification efforts throughout the City, expanding on the areas identified under BGMC 12.110.100 to include major thoroughfares such as State Route 502 and State Route 503; and

WHEREAS, to further support their guiding principle of beatification, the City Council desires to adopt a policy to direct the City Manager to facilitate conversations with all entities that own right-of-ways within the incorporated city limits of Battle Ground to attempt to obtain a written agreement for the City to maintain any and all vegetation within those right-of ways.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BATTLE GROUND DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. City Council hereby directs the City Manager to facilitate conversations between the City and all entities that own right-of-ways within the incorporated city limits of Battle Ground to attempt to obtain a written agreement with reasonable and agreeable terms for the City to maintain any and all vegetation within those right-of ways.

SECTION 2. City staff shall report the results of these conversations back to the Council no later than the second (2nd) Council meeting in January of 2021. If any adjustments are to be made to this timeline, the City Council will take those under advisement during any given City Council meeting and deal with them as they may. The City will then have until March 1, 2021 to wrap up all attempts at obtaining said written agreement and report back to the Council its results. The City Council shall have final authority over approving any such written agreement.

SECTION 3. If said written agreement referenced in Section 1 herein is obtained and approved by the City Council, then the City of Battle Ground shall perform the following actions within said right-of-ways encompassed by the written agreement from April 1st to October 31st of each year:

A. Starting at NW 25th Street to Main Street on NW 10th Avenue (Highway 503), the City will maintain the right-of-way landscaping in the months of April, June, August, and October to the City Manager's satisfaction and specifications.
B. Starting at SW Eaton Blvd and NW 10th Avenue (Highway 503) to the south, culminating at the city limits the City will maintain the right-of-way landscaping in the months of April, June, August, and October to the City Manager's satisfaction and specifications.
C. Starting at the intersection of Highway's 502 and 503 south to SW Eaton Blvd, the City will maintain a twice a month right-of-way landscaping during the time period provided above to the City Manager's satisfaction and specifications.

SECTION 4. Effective date. This resolution shall be effective immediately.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BATTLE GROUND, WASHINGTON, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF HELD THIS 16th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020.

CITY OF BATTLE GROUND, WASHINGTON

Adrian Cortes, Mayor

Attest:

Kay Kammer, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Christine Hayes, City Attorney