

RESOLUTION NO. 20-__

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO REMOVE PREVALENT INVASIVE EXOTIC PLANT SPECIES FROM TOWN OWNED PROPERTIES AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY, INCLUDING SAPLINGS AND SPROUTS; FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO CREATE A PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN AND SEEK GRANTS RELATING TO THE REMOVAL OF SUCH SPECIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Non-native plants, also referred to as exotic or alien, are plants that have been introduced to an area from their native range, either purposefully or accidentally, and are outside of their range of natural dispersal; and

WHEREAS, Non-native invasive plants are those that form self-sustaining and expanding populations within plant communities with which they were not previously associated and have ecological impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cutler Bay (the “Town”) has adopted a Prohibited Species List and is proposing to amend the List consistent with the current edition of the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council Invasive Plant List; and

WHEREAS, the more prevalent invasive exotic plant species, which may change over time and that are currently located within the Town, include *Acacia auriculiformis* (earleaf acacia, sickle-leaf acacia), *Jasminum fluminense* (Brazilian Jasmine), *Leucaena leucocephala* (lead tree), *Neyraudia reynaudiana* (Burmareed), *Pennisetium purpureum* (elephantgrass, napiergrass) and *Schinus terebinthifolius* (Brazilian pepper) (Collectively, the “Prevalent Invasive Exotic Plant Species”); and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to remove Prevalent Invasive Exotic Plant Species from Town owned properties and rights-of-way, as well as eliminating saplings and sprouts; and

WHEREAS, the Town further desires to launch a Public Awareness Campaign to educate private property owners of the environmental harm the Prevalent Invasive Exotic Plant Species have if not managed and to seek grants to assist in the removal of such Species; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that this Resolution is in the best interest and welfare of the residents of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Authorization. The Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager to remove Prevalent Invasive Exotic Plant Species from Town owned properties and rights-of-way, including saplings and sprouts. The Town Council further authorizes the Town Manager to create a Public Awareness Campaign to educate private property owners of the environmental harm the Prevalent Invasive Exotic Plant Species have if not managed and to seek grants relating to the removal of such Species. The authorizations granted by this resolution are subject to budgeted funded.

Section 3. Implementation. The Town Manager is authorized to take any and all actions necessary to implement the intent and purpose of this Resolution.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of June, 2020.

TIM MEERBOTT
Mayor

Attest:

DEBRA E. EASTMAN, MMC
Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE
SOLE USE OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY:

WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN
COLE & BIERMAN, P.L.
Town Attorney

Moved By: _____
Seconded By: _____

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

Mayor Tim Meerbott _____

Vice Mayor Sue Ellen Loyzelle _____

Council Member Robert “BJ” Duncan _____

Council Member Michael P. Callahan _____

Council Member Roger Coriat _____