

**AGREEMENT FOR THE PLANTING OF TREES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BY
THE CITY OF GRIFFIN, GEORGIA AND _____**

This Agreement is made on this _____ day of _____, by and between the City of Griffin (hereinafter City) and _____ (hereafter "Resident") at _____ (address).

1. PURPOSE:

The City, in collaboration with the City of Griffin Tree Board and residents of the City of Griffin, has developed a program whereby the City has agreed to plant a tree or trees (hereinafter "Tree") on private property in order to improve the City's urban forest cover.

2. WHO MAY ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY:

- a. The City will only enter into this Agreement with the Resident who is the equity owner of the parcel of land where the Tree will be located.
- b. The Resident shall provide proof of ownership. The deed to the property will be acceptable.

3. TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

The City and the Resident agree to the following terms and conditions:

- a. The City will plant, free of charge, an appropriate urban shade Tree at _____ (address)
- b. The City shall have the sole discretion to decide the species, date, and the planting season the Tree will be planted.
- c. The City agrees to replace any Tree that becomes damaged or diseased within the two years from the date of planting.
- d. After the two years referenced in Section 3.c., the Resident will have the obligation to maintain the Tree. Maintenance includes, but is not limited to: (1) pruning the Tree so that branches/leaves do not obstruct the public way, (2) to remove hazardous conditions to prevent injury to the public, (3) keep the tree free from disease, and (4) keep the roots clear from sewer systems, if necessary.

Please Note: THE CITY DOES NOT MAINTAIN TREES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY. ONLY THOSE ON PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAYS WILL BE MAINTAINED.

4. **NOTICE:** The Resident shall notify the City of any change in circumstances that affects the maintenance of the Tree, including but not limited to tree removal, and of any address changes. The notice shall be given by registered mail, return receipt requested. Notice shall be deemed to have been given 3 days after it was mailed. Unless otherwise notified of a change of address, notice shall be mailed as follows:

a. City of Griffin Public Works and Utilities Department

P O Box T
Griffin, Ga 30224
770-229-6424 office
770-229-6613 fax
mmccarthney@cityofgriffin.com
Attention: Tree Replacement Project

b. _____, Resident

Address: _____
Phone: _____
Fax Number: _____
Email Address: _____

AGREED BETWEEN:

City of Griffin _____ Date
Milton McCarthney

City of Griffin _____ Date
Dr. Jerry Walker, City Arborist

Resident's Signature _____ Date