

RESOLUTION NUMBER 193

WHEREAS, since July of 2006 the City of St. Louis and the entire St. Louis region have suffered through several devastating weather related events which have disrupted lives and cost millions of dollars in damage; and

WHEREAS, one of the most significant results of these storms has been the prolonged loss of electrical power to hundreds of thousands of area residents; and

WHEREAS, in most cases the loss of power was caused by damage to electrical wires and transformers from falling trees and tree limbs which were located too close to the utility right of way; and

WHEREAS, in many instances the trees causing the damage were very old and their presence pre-dated the electrical wires and poles; and

WHEREAS, there is clearly the need for a comprehensive, city-wide plan for the pruning, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of trees in parks, along streets, and in other public areas where such trees may impact public safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, this plan needs to be developed with significant input from a variety of interested parties including the Street Department, Refuse Department, Public Safety Department, AmerenUE and citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is within the legislative purview of this Board to act in the best interests of the citizens of this City and to investigate, develop and enact such a plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we direct and authorize the President of the Board of Aldermen to appoint a special committee to conduct appropriate hearings on the issue of the development and implementation of a city wide plan for the pruning, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of trees in parks, along streets, and in other public areas where such trees may impact public safety and welfare and to the end that this committee is directed to recommend legislative initiatives to implement their findings such committee is authorized to issue subpoenas for the purpose of compelling testimony and the production of relevant documents; the committee is further directed to provide a report of their findings and recommendations to the full board.

Introduced on the 2nd day of February, 2007 by:

Honorable Charles Quincy Troupe, Alderman 1st Ward

Adopted this the 2nd day of February, 2007 as attested:

Patrick J. Connaghan
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

James F. Shrewsbury
President, Board of Aldermen