1	ORDINANCE NO
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3	AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND LITTLE ROCK, ARK., REV. CODE
4	CHAPTER 15 (1988), LANDSCAPING AND TREE PROTECTION; AND
5	FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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7	WHEREAS, a stated purpose and intent of Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code Chapter 15, Landscaping
8	and Tree Protection ("Landscape Ordinance") is to "[e]ncourage green/sustainable practices as a purpose
9	to aspire towards for all applicable landscape projects; and,
10	WHEREAS, non-native invasive plant species have the potential to overpopulate and negatively
11	affect their environment by causing ecological, environmental, or economic damage and placing existing
12	native plant species at risk of extinction; and,
13	WHEREAS, the Little Rock Sustainability Commission consulted a team of diverse stakeholders
14	who identified non-native plant species which are recommended on the existing Landscape Ordinance
15	that warrant restrictions based on the economic and environmental harm that they cause; and,
16	WHEREAS, on February 23, 2023 the City Beautiful Commission voted to recommend changes to
17	the City's Landscape Ordinance in order to restrict the use of invasive plant species in commercial
18	landscapes due to invasive plant species' interference with the ecosystem and natural habitats and in order
19	to have more plant species native to the area; and,
20	WHEREAS, there is now a desire to amend the Landscape Ordinance accordingly.
21	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY
22	OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:
23	Section 1. Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code Sec. 15-6. – Definitions, is hereby amended to add a new
24	definition, "Invasive Plant Species", as follows:
25	Invasive Plant Species means plants that are not indigenous or native to a particular area and able
26	to establish on many sites, grow quickly and speared to the point of disrupting plant communities
27	and ecosystems, further identified as invasive in Section 15-106.
28	Section 2. Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code Sec. 15-6. – Definitions, is hereby amended to add a new
29	definition, "Native Plant Species", as follows:
30	Native Plant Species means one that occurs naturally in a particular region, ecosystem or habitat
31	without direct or indirect human intervention. The plants present at the time Europeans arrived in
32	North America are considered native to Arkansas.
33	Section 3. Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code Sec. 15-86. – Generally, is hereby amended to read as
34	follows:

Plant material used for compliance with the provisions of this article shall conform to the "American Standards for Nursery Stock, 1-73," Grade No. 1, American Association of Nurserymen, Inc., or equivalent. Plant material which may be installed in vehicular use areas are defined and should be selected from applicable lists. It is the intent of this division to be flexible; thus the responsible party may select plants not listed in this division for landscaping vehicular use areas other than the public rights-of-way as long as the substitute plants can withstand harsh weather conditions, comply with all other provisions of this Chapter, are not listed as invasive in Section 15-106, and are approved by the City Official.

Section 4. Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code Sec. 15-87. – Tree species and Hillside Plantings, Subsection (d), *Shrubs for Terraces on Hillside Cuts*, is hereby amended to read as follows:

(d) Shrubs for Terraces on Hillside Cuts.

Botanical Name	Common Name
Baccharis Halimifolia	Groundsel Bush
Callicarpa Ameriana	American Beautyberry
Cornus Racenosa	Gray Dogwood
Euonymus Americanus	American Strawberry Bush
Forsythia Intermedia	Forsythia
Ilex Cornuta "Burfordii Nana"	Dwarf Buford Holly
Itea Virginica	Virginia Sweetspire
Lagerstroemia Indica	Crape Myrtle
Myrica Cerifera	Southern Wax Myrtle
Rhus Aromatice	Fragrant Sumac
Viburnum Prunifolium	Blackhaw Virburnum

Section 5. Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code Sec. 15-87. – Tree Species and Hillside Plantings, Subsection (e), *Ground Covers for Terraces and Hillside Cuts*, is hereby amended to read as follows:

(e) Ground Covers for Terraces on Hillside Cuts.

Botanical Name	Common Name
(1) Vines	
Asarum Candadense	Wild Ginger
Bignonia Capreolata	Crossvine
Campsis Radicans	Trumpet Creeper
Carex Pensylvancia	Pennsylvania Sedge

Gelsemium Sempervirens	Carolina Yellow Jessamine
Lonicer Sempervirens	Coral Honeysuckle
Parthenocissus Quinquefolia	Virginia Creeper
(2) Hydroseed Mix	
Cynodon Dactylon	Bermuda Grass
Eragrostis Curvula	Weeping Love Grass
Sporobolus Heterolepsis	Prairie Dropseed

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Section 6. Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code Sec. 15-89. – Shrub Species, Subsection (a), *Recommended List*, is hereby amended to read as follows:

(a) Recommended List. The following list of shrubs are those which have been found to be best

suited to this area and require the least amount of maintenance. This list includes those shrubs

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which may be planted in the required landscaping area. For any site, shrubs from two (2) different genuses are required. At least 25% of the shrubs on the site outside of those required

8 for screening purposes are to be of evergreen variety.

Botanical Name	Common Name
Evergreen - Shrubs	
Ilex Cornuta "Burfordii"	Burford Chinese Holly
Ilex Cornuta "Rotunda"	Burford Chinese Holly
Ilex Crenata "Compacta"	Burford Chinese Holly
Ilex Verticillate	Winterberry Holly
Ilex Vomitoria "Nana"	Dwarf Yaupon
Jasminum Mesnyi	Primrose Jasmine
Ternstroemia Gymnanthera	Cleyera

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Section 7. Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code Sec. 15-91. – Ground Cover; Recommended List, is hereby amended to read as follows:

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The following list of ground covers are those which have been found to be best suited to this area and require the least amount of maintenance. This list includes other species of ground cover which may be planted in the required landscaped area.

Botanical Name	Common Name
Asarum Canadense	Wild Ginger
Gelsemium Sempervirens	Carolina Jessamine (Hillside)

Juniperus Species	Junipers
Liriope Muscari	Liriope
Lonicera Sempervirens	Coral Honeysuckle (Hillside)
Mitchella Repens	Partridgeberry
Ophiopogon Japonicus	Mondo Grass
Parthenocissus Quinquefolia	Virginia Creeper
Phlox Spp	Phlox
Trachelospermum Asiaticum	Asian Jasmine

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Section 8. Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code Chapter 15, Article IV. – Landscaping of Vehicular Use Areas and Public Rights-of-Way, Division 2. – Plant Material Selection Requirements, is hereby amended to add a new Section 15-106. – Invasive Plant Species, as follows:

Sec. 15-106. – Invasive Plant Species.

Ailanthus Altissima	Lythrum Salicaria	Vinca Minor
Tree of Heaven	Purple Loosestrife	Littleleaf Periwinkle
Albizia Julibrissin	Mahonia Bealei	Wisteria Spp
Mimosa	Leatherleaf Mahonia	Wisteria
Celastrus Orbiculatus	Melia Azedarach	
Oriental Bittersweet	Chinaberry Tree	
Elaeagnus Pungens	Nandia Domestica	
Silverthorn	Heavenly Bamboo	
Elaeagnus Umbellate	Paulownia Tomentosa	
Autumn Olive	Princess Tree	
Euonymus Alatus	Persicaria Perforliata	
Burning Bush	Mile-a-Minute	
Euonymus Fortune	Perilla Frutescens	
Winter Creeper	Beefsteak Plant	
Fstuca Arundinacea	Phontinia Serratifolia	
Tall Fescue	Chinese Photinia	
Hedera Helix	Phyllostachys Spp	
English Ivy	Bamboo	
Hesperis Atronalis	Polygonum Cuspidatum	
Dame's Rocket	Japanese Knotweed	

Lespedeza Bicolor	Pueraria Montana Var. Lobata
Shrubby Lespedeza	Kudzu
Lespedeza Cuneata	Pyrus Calleryana
Sericea Lespedeza	Callery or Bradford Pear
Ligustrum Spp	Triadica Sebifera
Privet	Chinese Tallow Tree
Liriope Spicata	Rosa Multiflora
Running Monkey Grass	Multiflora Rose
Lonicera Spp	Vinca Major
Non-Native Honeysuckle	Bigleaf Periwinkle

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Section 9. *Severability*. In the event any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, subparagraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this ordinance is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or adjudication shall not affect the remaining provisions of this ordinance, as if such invalid or unconstitutional provision was not originally a part of this ordinance.

Section 10. *Repealer*. All ordinances, resolutions, bylaws, and other matters inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

8 PASSED: April 18, 2023

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11 Susan Langley, City Clerk Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor

13 APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney

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