R E S O L U T I O N
NO 25-41

RESOLUTION APPROVING PARK AND RECREATIONS ROADSIDE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, in 2024, the Council Bluffs Parks and Recreation Department developed an Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management Plan (IRVM); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the plan is to establish guidelines for future management of properties managed by the Parks and Recreation Department that are otherwise public properties and/ or right of ways under park's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, these properties include right of ways along trails, open space areas, and city –owned properties maintained by the Parks and Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the plan are to increase the attractiveness and aesthetic appeal of the City of Council Bluffs, decrease maintenance in areas of control, and increase the use and acceptance of native plantings in the right-of-way; and

WHEREAS; IRVM incorporates the management of vegetation in road and trail right of way properties to improve safety, wildlife habitat, and water quality; and

WHEREAS, the IRVM Plan was written following an assessment of current activities and input from Council Bluffs Parks Department; and

WHEREAS, if approved by the Council Bluffs City Council, the plan will be submitted to the Iowa Department of Transportation for approval; and

WHEREAS, once approved by IDOT, the City will begin implementing the Plan and be eligible for state grants and funding opportunities to assist with purchases such as seed and equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED
BY THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA
That the City of Council approves the Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management Plan and authorizes the City of Council Bluffs Parks Department to submit the plan to the Iowa Department of Transportation on behalf of the City of Council Bluffs.

ADOPTED
AND
APPROVED February 24, 2025

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Matthew J. Walsh, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jodi Quakenbush, City Clerk