
MEMORANDUM



TO: Mayor Walker and Councilors
FROM: M McPherson, City Administrator
SUBJECT: **Authorize Execution of Lease with Dudley Syrup Company to Tap Maple Trees, Riverside Terrace Park**
DATE: February 22, 2022

Background:

Public Works Director Gerold was approached by Jake Dudley of Dudley Syrup Company regarding the possibility of tapping the maple trees located in Riverside Terrace Park. After a site visit, the two agreed that there were sufficient trees to make a go of a commercial tapping operation.

Analysis:

Mr. Dudley provided a copy of a standard Sugar Bush lease (developed in Vermont) that is the standard in the industry. The lease was modified to better fit the conditions and reviewed by the City Attorney and the Renter. The Renter has agreed to the terms contained within the attached lease. He requested a 10-year term in order to received a return on investment for the equipment and supplies he will need to purchase for tapping the trees in the Park.

The Renter estimates that initially, there would be 1,000 taps. The money generated from the lease would be deposited into the city's shade tree fund and utilized for that program.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize execution of the lease and that the revenue generated be deposited into the shade tree fund and used for those purposes.