

City of Grand Ledge Memorial Tree Trail Policy

Effective Date: 14 December 2020

Revision Date: n/a

General Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to provide the public with a natural and park-like space within which to plant trees in memory of deceased loved ones, and to provide for the care and maintenance of said trees.

Summary Statement of Policy: This policy is designed to provide for the planting, care, and maintenance of memorial trees in the Memorial Tree Trail.

Actual Policy as Written:

Authority to Plant, and Provide Care and Maintenance

The City has established the Memorial Tree Trail as a natural and park-like dedicated place for the public to plant trees in memory of deceased loved ones. The Memorial Tree Trail remains City property, open to the public as a greenspace. The City is the sole party responsible for the care and maintenance of the Memorial Tree Trail.

No individual, person, entity, or group other than the City or its designee has the authority to plant any tree, or any other perennial or annual plant, in the Memorial Tree Trail. No individual, person, entity, or group other than the City or its designee has the authority to care for or maintain any tree, or any other perennial or annual plant, in the Memorial Tree Trail. Any individual, person, entity, or group other than the City or its designee that plants any tree, or any other perennial or annual plant, in the Memorial Tree Trail does so at their own risk and the City has the authority to remove any such planting.

Plaques, Adornments, and Decorations

The City has established the Memorial Tree Trail with the intent to provide a natural and park-like space within which to honor and memorialize deceased loved ones. Each tree may have a plaque containing the name of the deceased and a short statement of honor. The City acknowledges any adornments or decorations beyond a plaque detract from the natural and park-like intent of the Memorial Tree Trail.

No individual, person, entity, or group may place any permanent or temporary adornment or decoration on, in, or around any tree or other planting in the Memorial Tree Trail. Any individual, person, entity, or group that places any permanent or temporary adornment or decoration on, in, or around any tree or other planting in the Memorial Tree Trail does so at their own risk and the City has the authority to remove any such adornment or decoration.