MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BLACK MOUNTAIN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN

The mission of the Beautification Committee is to honor the natural beauty of the mountains while seeking to reflect that beauty on the streets and in the lives of the citizens of Black Mountain. We appreciate the opportunity to work with others in town in caring for our shared green spaces and creating a sense of community pride for all. This agreement establishes an understanding of the responsibilities of the BMBC and those of the Town of Black Mountain in the project outlined below.

Project Description: Downtown Tree Revitalization Plan

Responsibilities of the Town of Black Mountain

1. Allocate annual budget funds for the ongoing maintenance of all downtown trees, including staffing, equipment, and materials required for watering, fertilizing, pruning, and general tree care.
2. Collaborate with the BMBC Tree Committee to ensure year-round tree care.
3. Clean out and brick over empty tree wells, as identified by the BMBC Tree Committee.
4. Provide weekly watering for all downtown trees and planter boxes and ensure rain barrels are filled as needed. Notify BMBC immediately when town staff are not able to water so that BMBC can assist that week.
5. Partner with BMBC to hire a certified arborist to provide annual maintenance (e.g., pruning, fertilizing) of downtown trees.

Responsibilities of BMBC

1. This Fall of 2025 the BMBC will fund and coordinate with a local arborist to prune, fertilize, and air spade existing trees as needed. He will also plant approximately 15 new trees this year.
2. Use a donation from Circle K to purchase replacement street trees and work with a local arborist to select appropriate species.
3. Organize volunteers to weed tree wells as needed.
4. Conduct ongoing surveys of downtown trees, obtain arborist recommendations, and report maintenance needs and estimated costs to the Town.
5. Monitor trees in town-maintained gardens under BMBC care and report any required maintenance or replacements.
6. Hire arborist Andrew Wagner to prune, fertilize, and plant approximately 15 new trees. This initial work will be funded by BMBC. All future tree care costs will be the responsibility of the Town.

Upon completion of this project, it is the sole responsibility of Town of Black Mountain to care for the project including adding or replacing plant material when necessary and maintaining the area in a way consistent with the mission of the BMBC. We take great pride in our efforts to help make Black Mountain a beautiful place to call home and we expect the same from our partnerships.

_____ Date _____

Josh Harrold
Black Mountain Town Manager

_____ Date_____

Jamie Matthews

Black Mountain Public Works

Cynthia Simonds Date Oct. 29, 2025

Cynthia Simonds, Co-Chair

Black Mountain Beautification Committee