

RESOLUTION NUMBER 240
SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS TO RECOGNIZE THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS A BIRD CITY

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis has a long history of supporting bird conservation, including designation as an Urban Bird Treaty City by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 2000, contributing to protections and programs for birds and habitat in our urban environment; and

WHEREAS, birds are indicators of ecosystem health, and efforts to protect and restore bird habitat support broader biodiversity, enhance ecosystem services (such as pollination and pest control), and improve quality of life for residents; and

WHEREAS, the *Bird City Network* is a collaborative and conservation-focused initiative led by American Bird Conservancy and Environment for the Americas that encourages communities to take locally-appropriate actions that benefit birds, the environment, and people; and

WHEREAS, participating cities document actions to improve bird habitat, address threats to birds, engage the public in conservation and birding education, and promote sustainable practices that benefit both wildlife and urban communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis Audubon Society, Missouri Department of Conservation, Tower Grove Park, Saint Louis Zoo, DarkSky Missouri, Bellefontaine Cemetery and Arboretum, and partners have worked collaboratively to support renewing St. Louis's national Urban Bird Treaty status and are advancing a Bird City application consistent with promoting biodiversity and community stewardship; and

WHEREAS, the City's endorsement of a Bird City resolution will demonstrate municipal support for the application, help fulfill program requirements, and publicly affirm St. Louis's commitment to conservation and environmental stewardship;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, by this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis hereby expresses its support for recognition as a Bird City through the Bird City Network; affirms the importance of protecting and enhancing urban biodiversity and bird habitat; recognizes the collaborative efforts of local conservation partners in advancing these goals; and encourages continued coordination among City departments and community stakeholders to implement bird-friendly practices and complete any necessary application or renewal requirements associated with the Bird City designation. We further direct the clerk of this board of aldermen to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy of this resolution to the end that it may be presented by the sponsor.

Introduced this 13th day of February, 2026 by:

The Honorable Anne Schweitzer, Alderwoman of the 1st Ward

Cosponsors:

The Honorable Megan Green, Board of Aldermen President

The Honorable Anne Schweitzer, Alderwoman 1st Ward

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The Honorable Sharon Tyus, Alderwoman 12th Ward
The Honorable Pamela Boyd, Alderwoman 13th Ward
The Honorable Rasheen Aldridge, Alderman 14th Ward

Adopted this 27th day of February, 2026 by:

Sharita Rogers, Acting Clerk
Board of Aldermen

Megan E. Green, President
Board of Aldermen