



**REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION**  
**CITY OF INDEPENDENCE**  
**December 12, 2019**

Department Park

Director Approval Barbara Beurskens

**AGENDA ITEM** Approve and sign Tree City USA Application for Certification for calendar year 2019.

**SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION** Approve Request

**BACKGROUND** On February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 The City Commission approved Ordinance # 4214 creating a Tree Board to honor the city's rich history of enjoying and preserving local natural resources, and to promote and protect the public health, safety and general welfare by providing for the development of a Community Forestry Plan to address the planting, maintenance and removal of trees located on public property, or which encroach upon public property, and to enhance the natural beauty of the community.

This completes our certification for 2019 calendar year.

**BUDGET IMPACT** None

**SUGGESTED MOTION** I move to sign the Tree City USA Applications for Certification for 2019.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS** 2019 Tree City USA Application for Certification.



# 2019 Tree City USA

## Application for Certification

The Tree City USA award is in recognition of work completed by the community during the 2019 calendar year.

### Primary Contact

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### Independence, Kansas Community Information

**Select Which Best Describes Your Community:** Community has a Tree Board Only

**Ordinance Date:** 02-25-16

[Ordinance Uploaded](#)

**Per Capita Expenditure:** 2.67

**Arbor Day Date:** 04-26-19

[Proclamation Uploaded](#)

### As Mayor or Equivalent of the Community of Independence

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Mayor or Equivalent Signature

Title

Date

### Application Certification

To Be Completed By The State Forester:

#### Independence

The above named community has made formal application to this office. I am pleased to advise you that we reviewed the application and have concluded that, based on the information contained herein, said community is eligible to be certified as a Tree City USA community, for the 2019 calendar year, having in my opinion met the four standards required for recognition.

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State Forester Signature

Title

Date