

**THE CITY OF COVINGTON
RESOLUTION 2002-32**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL
ADOPTING A POLICY TO REFRAIN FROM THE PURCHASE
OF CYPRESS MULCH AND ITS DERIVATIVES AND CEASE
APPLICATION OF THESE MATERIALS ON ALL CITY
PROPERTY.**

WHEREAS, the red cypress is our Louisiana State Tree; and

WHEREAS, select economic interests are singling out the red cypress, our Louisiana State Tree,, along with other cypress species in tidal estuaries, as an alternative to well established and sustainable materials; and

WHEREAS, The value of cypress trees in these vital and sensitive areas is nearly immeasurable in arresting the loss of coastal wetlands and blunting destructive hurricane winds;

WHEREAS, Our threatened wetlands are a heritage for all of us, and the harvesting of these young red cypress benefits just a few; and

WHEREAS, There are many economically viable alternatives to red-cypress that are more effective as horticulture mulch;

THEREFORE, The City of Covington, Louisiana hereby adopts a policy to refrain from the purchase of cypress mulch and its derivatives and cease application of these materials on City property.

MOVED FOR ADOPTION by Pearce, seconded by Boykins.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was submitted to a vote and resulted in the following:

YEAS: 7

ABSENT: 0

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of September 2002.