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because I did have the same question and it was taken care of in the committee. So if those plantings do not work out or they die, it's not going to be up to the property owner that they sit near. The city or the forestry service, or whoever it is, is going to be responsible for removing those trees. With that, thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Beutler, you are recognized to speak.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Schimek, members of the Legislature, would just note a couple of things. First of all, this bill applies only to cities of the primary class, as the other bill applied only to cities of the first class, that sort of thing. So it's not something that is being requested by everybody in the state. But Lincoln is particularly proud of its trees, its urban forest, as we call it. We've been "Tree City U.S.A." for as many years as I can remember. And this bill doesn't apply to putting trees on private property. It involves only putting trees on the street right of ways, where the city owns the property, and it's a mechanism by which neighborhoods can choose to get together and forest their neighborhood using this process. Lincoln is a city charter city, which means we give it, generally speaking, all of the details of working out these sort of districts, and they've done this upon authority given by the Legislature, you may recall, Senator Janssen, for ornamental light districts, which has worked very well in Lincoln. Every here and there around the city there are neighborhoods that now have ornamental lighting. If the neighborhood is not in support of it, they don't have it. That's the way they've set up the city charter rules on that, and they would set up some sort of system of rules pertaining to the details of this. But what they need from...generally, it's just a general authority from the Legislature to use this mechanism. I think you would find fairly broad support in the city of Lincoln for this idea because trees are important to us. So I would just throw in those comments. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

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