

RESOLUTION NO. 1318

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS, WASHINGTON, RESOLVING THAT THE EDMONDS CITIZENS' TREE BOARD SHALL PREPARE AND RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL A HERITAGE TREE PROGRAM IN ORDER TO PROMOTE SIGNIFICANT TREES IN THE CITY.

WHEREAS, the City of Edmonds values its history and local landmarks as the oldest city in Snohomish County; and

WHEREAS, trees are one of the principal natural components that encourage and support the vibrant Pacific Northwest character; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 the Edmonds City Council created a Citizens' Tree Board consisting of seven member residents whose mission is to engage, encourage and educate both the city government and residents to protect the City's current canopy resource and plant new trees appropriately for the long term benefit of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Citizens' Tree Board is empowered by way of Section 10.95.030 of the Edmonds City Code to advise and make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council on certain matters concerning trees; and

WHEREAS, the Citizens' Tree Board would like to create a Heritage Tree Program which would define what it means to be considered a "Heritage" tree, create a process to evaluate nominations from owners of trees who wish for their tree to be so designated and to then make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council as to which nominated trees should be given said designation; and

WHEREAS, after the Citizens' Tree Board makes its recommendation to the City Council, the City Council will then officially designate a tree a "Heritage" tree; and

WHEREAS, once a tree is given this designation, the owner and the City will enter into an agreement as to the conditions required by the owner to maintain a tree as a "Heritage" tree; and

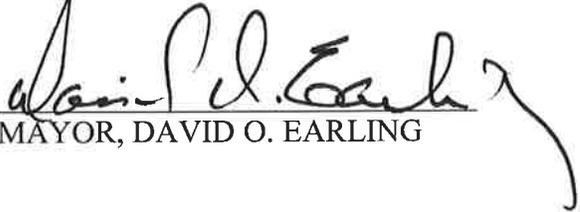
WHEREAS, the purpose of the designation would serve to preserve the City's historical beauty, by recognizing that there are significant (heritage) trees within the city;

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Edmonds Citizens' Tree Board should prepare and recommend to the City Council a Heritage Tree Program to promote significant trees in the City.

RESOLVED this 22nd day of April, 2014.

APPROVED:


MAYOR, DAVID O. EARLING

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:


CITY CLERK, SCOTT-PASSEY

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