

TO: City Council
FROM: Alyssa Jones Wood, Sustainability Coordinator
DATE: May 2, 2023
SUBJECT: Heritage Tree Nomination

1) Recommended Action:

Staff recommends Council formally designate the Garry Oak tree nominated by Tree Board Jim Sedore as a Heritage Tree. The Tree Board approved this designation at their April 10, 2023 meeting.

2) Background:

TMC 16.08.075 *Heritage trees* establishes the process by which trees can be nominated for designation by citizens, the Tumwater Tree Board, or city staff.

On February 28, 2023 Tumwater resident and Tree Board member Jim Sedore nominated a Garry Oak (also known as an Oregon White Oak) at 5800 Littlerock Road SW. This nominated tree is located in City-owned right-of-way. The nominated tree was assessed by the City's Tree Professional rating its overall condition as good. Due to the presence of a fungus special maintenance is needed and City staff are already working to carry out this maintenance under the supervision of the City's Tree Professional.

3) Policy Support:

Be a leader in Environmental Sustainability.

- Implement Urban Forestry Plan.
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4) Alternatives:

- ☐ Request more information
 - ☐ Reject the nomination
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5) Fiscal Notes:

Once a Heritage Tree is designated it is eligible for a commemorative plaque and annual evaluation by the City's contracted Urban Forester, valued at approximately \$250. Additionally, staff time is used to review application with Tree Board and update the City's Heritage Tree map if approved.

6) Attachments:

- A. Heritage Tree Memorandum
- B. Heritage Tree Information Sheet provided by Jim Sedore
- C. Memorandum from Sound Urban Forestry