

TO: City Council
FROM: Alyssa Jones Wood, Sustainability Coordinator
DATE: August 1, 2022
SUBJECT: Heritage Tree Nomination

1) Recommended Action:

Staff recommends the City Council formally designate the Douglas fir tree nominated by Kate Thedell as a Heritage Tree. The Tree Board approved this designation at their July 11, 2022, meeting.

2) Background:

Tumwater Municipal Code (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 April 23, 2022, Tumwater resident Kate Thedell submitted an application for the Tree Board to consider the Douglas fir tree a Heritage Tree. At their July 11, 2022, meeting the Tree Board recommended that the City Council approve the Heritage Tree Nomination.

3) Policy Support:

Be a leader in Environmental Sustainability.

- Implement Urban Forestry Plan.
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4) Alternatives:

- ☐ 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. Additionally, staff time will be utilized to update the City's Heritage Tree map.

6) Attachments:

- A. Heritage Tree Nomination – Kate Thedell Memorandum
- B. Kate Thedell Heritage Tree Nomination Form