

TO: City Council
FROM: Alyssa Jones Wood, Sustainability Coordinator
DATE: March 21, 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 March 13, 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 3, 2023 Tumwater resident and Tree Board member Jim Sedore nominated a Garry Oak (also known as an Oregon White Oak) at 1500 79th Ave SE. This nominated tree is located on City-owned property slated to become a Park. The nominated tree was assessed by the City's Tree Professional on February 8, 2023. At their March 13, 2023 meeting the Tree Board recommended that City Council approve the attached 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 Memorandum
- B. Heritage Tree Information Sheet provided by Jim Sedore
- C. Memorandum from Sound Urban Forestry