

Heritage Tree Nomination Recommendation

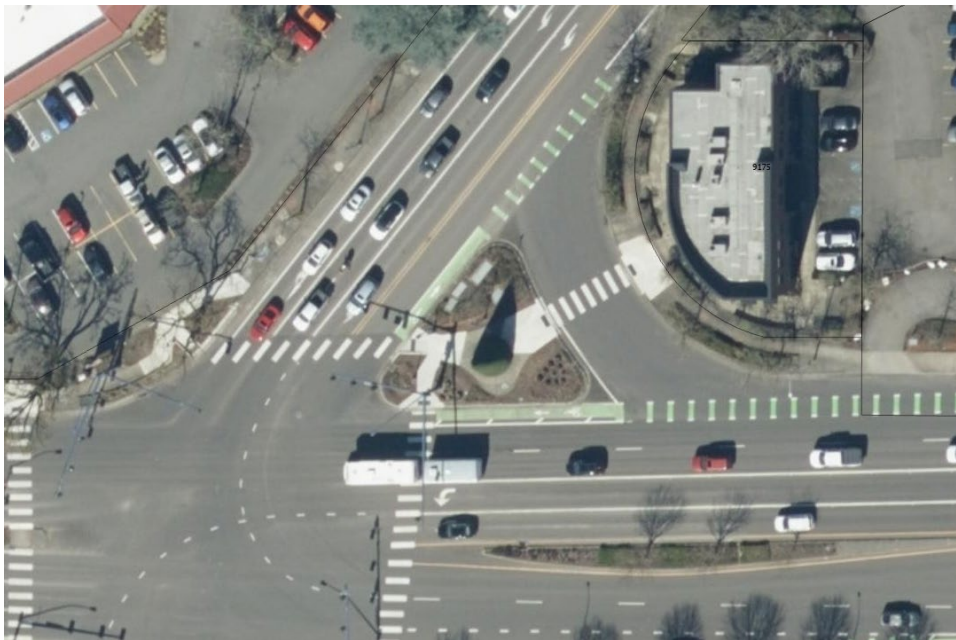
Name of Submitter: Odessa Akervall

Date of Submittal: 01.06.2025

Description of Nominated Tree:

Leyland Cypress located at the intersection of Wilsonville Road and Boones Ferry Road. Most likely planted after intersection improvements in the early 2000s. Approximately 25 years old. The tree is well manicured and maintained by the Public Works Department and decorated for the holiday season each year. The prominent location, unique shape, and relationship to Wilsonville's holiday season makes the tree a standout to the community.

Nomination form and photos of the tree is attached.



Staff Summary and Recommendation:

Planning staff reviewed the nomination and recommends approval based on the following criteria.

- **Unique features** – Leyland cypress are not common trees within the City's ROW. The well-manicured tree has a unique, nearly perfect, "Christmas tree" like shape.
- **Design placement** – The tree is incorporated within one of the most trafficked intersections of Wilsonville. The prominent location draws attention of those passing by and leaves a lasting impression. Surrounded by streets on all sides, the trees continued health and growth is a symbol of successful landscape design and represents Wilsonville

commitment to integrating trees within our community. The tree represents how creative landscape design can enhance community spaces. The intersection could have been left barren but Wilsonville recognized both the aesthetic and green infrastructure benefits of integrating trees within development.

- **Culture** – Every holiday season the tree is adorned with lights and tinsel. It has become a staple feature of Wilsonville’s holiday display in the heart of the City. The tree is also a nod to the many nurseries that used to operate within Wilsonville as well as the long running status as a Tree City USA.
- **Associated persons** – The nomination of this tree is tied to the admiration of Wilsonville’s Public Works Department. This heritage tree is a monument to all Public Works employees, past and present, who work to keep the City functioning and beautiful.

Departments Responsible for Ownership and Maintenance:

Engineering and Public Works



Heritage Tree Program Nomination Form

Name of Submitter:

Odessa Akervall

Contact Information (phone or email):

odessaakervall@gmail.com or 503-686-8178

Name of tree(s) List the common and Latin name of the tree(s):

Leyland Cypress or Cupressus x leylandii

Location of tree(s):

1. Tree(s) must be clearly visible from public view
2. Include a map and photo(s) of the tree(s)
3. List the County, street, cross-street, or rural route address and direction to the tree(s)

Is the tree(s) visible from the public way?

☒ Y ☐ N

N

Is the tree(s) accessible to the public?

☒ Y ☐ N

N

Is the tree(s) located on:

Public property

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Public right-of-way

Private property

Physical description of the tree(s):

Approximate age: ≈ 40 yrs

Date planted (if known):

N/A

Circumference:

51 foot at base

Height:

Crown spread:

Health and condition:

Excellent

History and Significance of the Tree(s):

Provide a brief factual account of the history of the tree(s). Include all-important dates, people, events, legends, and activities associated with the tree(s). List who planted the tree(s) and when (if known). Explain the historical or other significance of the tree(s) to the region, state or nation, or the tree(s) other distinguishing aspects. Describe any local recognition given to the tree(s) by neighbors or others. (Use additional sheets of paper if needed.)

This is the only Leyland Cypress we know of in Wilsonville. It is highly recognizable and very visible to anyone who travels Wilsonville Road. Located at the intersection of Boones Ferry and Wilsonville Road, it has thrived in what is surely a hostile environment for most plants. It has been carefully tended and pruned by the Wilsonville Public Works team for many decades. The precision lining and decorating that they apply for the winter holiday season makes it a stand-out tree that everyone from preschoolers on up knows and loves. (Information supplied with support from Wilsonville historian and tree advocate, Charlotte Zelan)

Supporting Documentation:

Attach a site map showing the general location of the tree(s). Provide GPS coordinates (if known).

Attach photographs of the tree(s) and surrounding area. Copies of historic photographs are encouraged. Please date identify the location of tree(s) on the photograph(s) and provide other descriptive information, if known.

List any additional notes/comments:

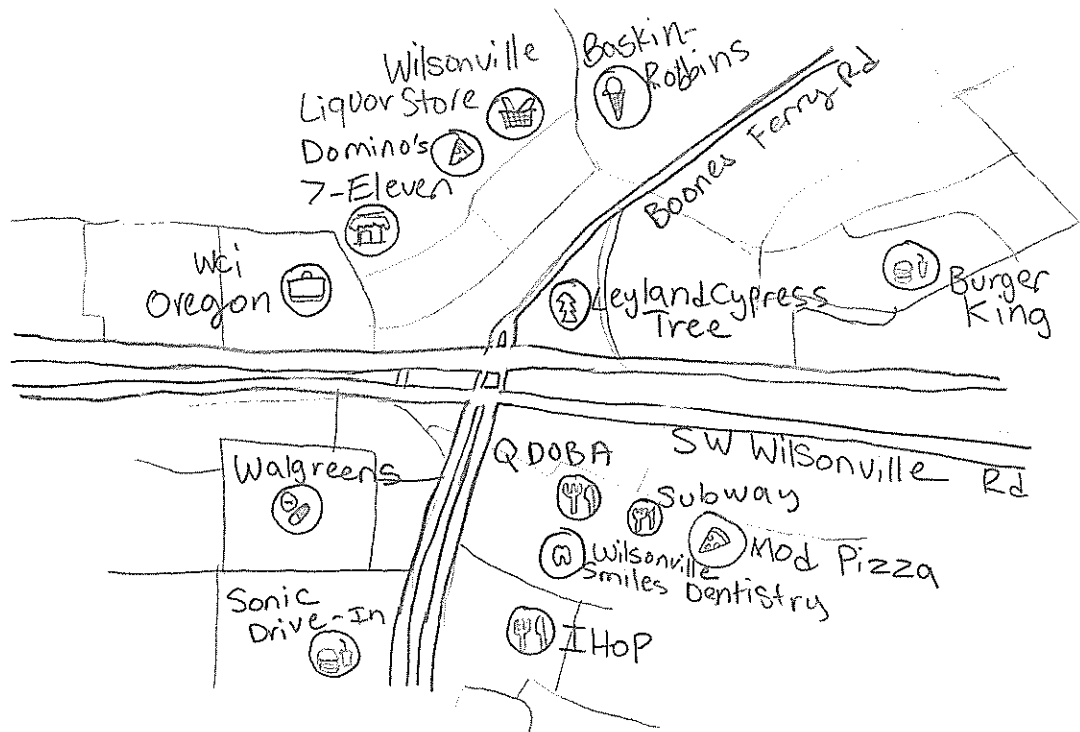
See attached map and photo. I will attend the Jan 6th Council meeting to make public comment.

Applications are due March 31

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or

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*Map not to scale

