

RESOLUTION NO. 1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WILSONVILLE ARTS CULTURE AND HERITAGE COMMISSION UPDATING THE HERITAGE TREE PROGRAM NOMINATION PROCESS, ACKNOWLEDGING THE PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED HERITAGE TREES IN THE CITY, AND DESIGNATING ONE ADDITIONAL HERITAGE TREE.

WHEREAS, the City of Wilsonville takes great pride in its urban forest and recognizes the benefits that trees provide to quality of life, economic development and livability; and

WHEREAS, trees are a long-lasting part of our built and natural environment and larger and older trees have lived through a variety of history and are an intricate part of the City's heritage; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilsonville has been recognized as a Tree City USA for the past twenty-seven years, and has been granted several Growth Awards by the National Arbor Day Foundation for outstanding accomplishments in urban forestry; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted a Tree Preservation and Protection Ordinance (No. 464) in October of 1996; and

WHEREAS, it was a City Council Goal at the time of the Heritage Tree Program Founding to "Provide quality parks, trails, bike and pedestrian paths and protect significant open spaces and natural areas"; and

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2005, the City Council created the "Heritage Tree Program" with the adoption of Resolution No. 1928; and

WHEREAS, the established intent of the "Heritage Tree Program" is to "recognize, foster appreciation of, and inspire awareness of the contribution trees make to the community"; and

WHEREAS, heritage tree recognition will promote "awareness of our history as a community, and provides important links to the past" as well as "celebrate the intrinsic value of trees for the community and the many benefits of preserving and protecting trees today and in the future"; and

WHEREAS; the Heritage Tree Committee is the body tasked with dedicating new Heritage Trees for the City of Wilsonville; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, via Resolution No. 2857, adopted the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Strategy ("ACHS") on November 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS the City Council established the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission (ACHC) on December 20, 2021, with the adoption of Resolution No. 2941, wherein it dissolved the Heritage Tree Committee created by Resolution No. 1928, and made the Heritage Tree Committee a subcommittee of the ACHC to be populated by members of the ACHC; and

WHEREAS, the ACHC “may modify the name, purpose, and other components of the Heritage Tree Committee”; and

WHEREAS, the nomination and designation process requires clarification to resolve discrepancies between Resolution No. 1928 and Resolution No. 2941; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to formally update the Heritage Tree Inventory by acknowledging existing Heritage Trees not yet recognized by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the existing Heritage Tree plaques are to be reviewed and possibly updated for consistent wayfinding moving forward; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Division received a heritage tree nomination form for the “Holiday Leyland Cypress” attached hereto and marked as Exhibit C1; and

WHEREAS, Heritage Trees as specified in Resolution 1928, are recognized, “due to their involvement or inclusion in the development of landscape architecture, forestry, city planning, and culture” and “due to their species, unique features, age, size, setting, design placement, link to important events or activities, location, or persons associated with them.”; and

WHEREAS, the “Holiday Leyland Cypress” meets the criteria to be recognized as a Heritage Tree due the tree’s unique feature, design placement, cultural significance, and associated persons as described in the staff recommendation attached hereto and marked as Exhibit C2; and

WHEREAS, the City departments responsible for the care and ownership of the tree, Public Works and Engineering, reviewed and support the nomination; and

WHEREAS, Planning Staff has presented evidence in support of a Heritage Tree designation for the “Holiday Leyland Cypress” in a public meeting held by the ACHC on March 19, 2025, which was advertised in the Boones Ferry Messenger and on the City website, and all parties were afforded the opportunity to comment.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF WILSONVILLE RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. FINDINGS.

The above-recited findings are adopted and incorporated by reference herein.

Section 2. DETERMINATION.

The Planning Division shall continue to oversee the Heritage Tree Program and advise the Heritage Tree Committee, a subcommittee of the ACHC, in accordance with the amended Heritage Tree Program nomination process attached hereto and marked as Exhibit B1.

Plaques for all Heritage Trees in the City's Heritage Tree inventory, attached hereto and marked as Exhibit B2, shall be verified and installed.

The nominated "Holiday Leyland Cypress" is designated a City of Wilsonville Heritage Tree, shall be included in the City's inventory of Heritage Trees, and shall have a plaque installed to commemorate the designation.

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Resolution is effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Art's Culture and Heritage Commission at a regular meeting thereof this 19th day of March, 2025, and filed with Parks and Recreation Staff this date.

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Commission Chair

ATTEST:

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EXHIBITS:

- A. Staff Report
- B1. Updated Heritage Tree Program
- B2. Heritage Tree Map
- B3. Plaque Inventory
- B4. Resolution No. 1928
- B5. Resolution No. 2941
- C1. "Holiday Leyland Cypress" Heritage Tree Nomination Form
- C2. Staff Heritage Tree Recommendation