

**RESOLUTION NO. 1928**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WILSONVILLE DESIGNATING A HERITAGE TREE PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATIVE ACTS CONSISTENT WITH THAT DESIGNATION.**

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, the City of Wilsonville has been recognized as a Tree City USA for the past 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 is a City Council Goal to "Provide quality parks, trails, bike and pedestrian paths and protect significant open spaces and natural areas"; and

WHEREAS, to specifically accomplish this goal the Council identified the creation of a heritage tree program; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a heritage tree program will 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; and

WHEREAS, for Arbor Day 2003 the City recognized the first community Heritage Tree, the Ernest L. Kolbe Giant Sequoia in Memorial Park; and

WHEREAS, at the Arbor Day celebration for 2005, the City will dedicate the Frank Lockyear Douglas-fir Grove, a grove planted by Boy Scouts, near the Library as the second community Heritage Tree designation.

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

1. A Heritage Tree Program (Exhibit A) is hereby established for the City of Wilsonville.
2. The Ernest L. Kolbe Giant Sequoia and the Frank Lockyear Douglas-fir Grove are hereby designated as Heritage Trees in the City of Wilsonville.

3. The Planning Division is directed to place and maintain a "City of Wilsonville Heritage Tree" plaque in a visible location near each designated tree or stand of trees.
4. The City Council hereby appoints Planning Commissioners Mary Hinds and Sue Guyton and a member of the Planning Division as the initial members of the Committee to annually review Heritage Tree nominations. Members of the heritage Tree Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the City Council.

ADOPTED by the Wilsonville City Council at a regular meeting thereof this 4th day of April 2005, and filed with the Wilsonville City Recorder this date.

  
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CHARLOTTE LEHAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Sandra C. King, City Recorder, CMC

**SUMMARY OF VOTES:**

Mayor Lehan	Yes
Councilor Kirk	Yes
Councilor Holt	Yes
Councilor Scott-Tabb	Yes
Councilor Knapp	Yes

**Planning Division  
Staff Report**

**Date: March 28, 2005**

**To: Honorable Mayor Lehan and City Council**

**From: Chris Neamtzu AICP, Long-Range Planner**

**Subject: Wilsonville Heritage Tree Program**

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**Summary:**

Staff has been working with Planning Commissioner Mary Hinds to prepare a Heritage Tree Program (Exhibit A). This project has been on the back burner for some time, but due to the volunteer efforts of Commissioner Hinds it is now in a position to be adopted in time for Arbor Week. Completion of this project is a Goal of the City Council.

The purpose of this program is to recognize, foster appreciation of, and inspire awareness of the contribution trees make to the community. Wilsonville is fortunate to have many unique and large trees that are worthy of interpretation and recognition. These trees are links to the community's past, and provide ties to the pioneer history of the area. It is a completely voluntary program that comes with no regulatory component. There would be some minor costs to the City associated with the manufacturing of small placards to identify the Heritage Trees. These costs could be absorbed by the City's Tree Fund. There have been previous discussions about creating a brochure in conjunction with the Historical Society to compliment the historic markers program that resulted in a walking or cycling tour around the community. A list and map could also be maintained on the City's website for the same purposes.

**Recommendation:**

Staff respectfully recommends that the City Council consider the enclosed Heritage Tree Program, provide any direction and adopt the attached Resolution.

**Background:**

This year, the City Council identified a Goal that was to "provide *quality parks, trails, bike and pedestrian paths and protect significant open spaces and natural areas.*" The preparation of a Heritage Tree Program was identified to be one measure that would help to accomplish this City Council Goal. A couple of years back, Mary Hinds and Staff prepared a draft of the program you have before you, and made presentations to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Historical Society. Due to other time critical and significant pressing issues, Staff put this project on the back burner. Subsequent discussions with Commissioner Hinds have resurrected this project in time for our annual Arbor Week celebration. To implement the program, a small committee would be formed. Annually they would review and recommend approval of

nominated trees to the City Council. This discussion would occur around Arbor Week. To date, Commissioners Hinds and Guyton have agreed to serve on the Committee.

Oregon Arbor Week is the first full week of April. This year, the City will be celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> annual Arbor Day by planting trees and shrubs at the new picnic area at the Library along Memorial Drive. The celebration is planned for April 9, 2005 from 10 AM-1 PM. We will be having a BBQ, a shade tree giveaway and a ceremony designating the adjacent Douglas-fir trees as a heritage tree grove consistent with this program. The trees to be recognized were planted by Frank Lockyear and his Boy Scout Troop. Frank was a long-time Wilsonville resident who passed away a couple of years ago. Mr. Lockyear was the founder of Re-Tree International an organization dedicated to the reforestation of the world. He planted thousands of trees in dozens of countries all around the world and is the co-author of the book "Trees for Tomorrow- Frank Lockyear, the Most Passionate Tree Planter Since Johnny Appleseed Teaches Us All How We Can Green Up the World". There are trees all over Wilsonville that were planted by Frank and his Boy Scout Troop. Frank was a local legend who donated the seedlings to the City's first Arbor Day celebration 10 years ago. Today those 20' coast redwoods and incense cedar trees beautify the entry to Memorial Park thanks to Frank!

## **Wilsonville Heritage Tree Program-**

## **Exhibit A**

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Heritage Tree Program is to recognize, foster appreciation of, and inspire awareness of the contribution trees make to the community.

**Goal:** The goal of the Heritage Tree Program is to annually designate individual trees or groves of trees within the city limits that have some significance to the community, link to history, heritage or uniqueness. The Heritage Tree Program's aim is to educate citizens about the importance of trees through recognition and information about trees, and their role in our cultural and community history.

**Definition of Heritage Tree(s):** Heritage Trees shall be recognized due to their involvement or inclusion in the development of landscape architecture, forestry, city planning, and culture. They are recognized due to their species, unique features, age, size, setting, design placement, link to important events or activities, location, or persons associated with them.

**Nomination:** This program is totally voluntary and carries no regulatory component. Annually, one-two months prior to Arbor Week (the first full week in April), the nomination process will begin. Advertisements will be placed in the Boones Ferry Messenger as well as other media outlets. Any person may nominate a tree or trees as a Heritage Tree using a form prepared by the City. If the nominated tree is located on private property, the nomination form shall be submitted by the property owner or accompanied by the property owner's written consent, and the tree should be clearly visible from the public way. If the proposed Heritage Tree is on public property, the nomination shall be forwarded to the department responsible for use and/or maintenance of the property for review and recommendation prior to consideration. Nomination is done by filling out a form and submitting it to the Heritage Tree Committee by the end of March.

**Designation:** The City Council shall appoint a 3-7 member Heritage Tree Committee, preferably including individuals representing the following:

- A member of the Wilsonville Historical Society or someone with knowledge of local history;
- A member of the Wilsonville Garden Club, Master Gardener program or someone with expertise in arboriculture or forestry;
- Member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
- Interested citizens of the Wilsonville area
- City Staff

The Heritage Tree Committee shall elect its own chair and adopt such rules of procedure as it deems necessary to the conduct of its duties. The Heritage Tree Committee shall meet twice a year in a public meeting to review nominations and recommend trees to be approved by the Wilsonville City Council as Heritage Trees.

**Recognition:** The City Planning Staff shall maintain an inventory of the Heritage Trees in Wilsonville. Upon designation by the Wilsonville City Council, a small Heritage Tree plaque identifying the species shall be furnished by the City to the property owner of a designated Heritage Tree. The plaque shall be posted at a location at or near the tree in public view. The Planning Division shall also maintain a map of designated Heritage Trees, which will be available on the City website and shall work towards preparation of a brochure that could be available at among other places, the Clackamas County Tourist Information Center.

**Removal of Heritage Tree Designation:** A Heritage Tree shall be removed from designation if it dies or is removed. The property owner of a Heritage Tree is asked to notify the Planning Division if the designated tree has died, falls or otherwise needs to be removed. This instruction will be given to the property owner with the plaque describing the Heritage Tree. The plaque at the tree shall be returned to the City if the tree dies or is removed.

## Heritage Tree Program Nomination Form



**Name of tree(s):**

*List the common and Latin name of the tree(s).*

**Location of tree(s):**

- 1. The tree must be clearly visible from public view.*
- 2. Please include a map and photo of the tree.*
- 3. List the county, street or rural route address and direction to the tree.*

*Is the tree visible from public way? Y / N*

*Is the tree accessible to the public? Y / N*

*The tree is located on:*

*Public property*

*Public right-of-way*

*Private land*

**Physical description of the tree(s):**

*Describe the tree's approximate age, size, health and condition:*

*Approximate Age:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Date Planted (if known):* \_\_\_\_\_

*Circumference:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Height:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Crown spread:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Health and condition:* \_\_\_\_\_

**History and Significance of the Tree:**

*Provide a brief factual account of the history of the tree or group of trees. Include all-important dates, people, events, and legends, activities associated with the tree(s). Please 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. Describe any local recognition given to the trees by neighbors or others.*

**Supporting Documentation:**

*Please send 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. Attach a site map if possible.*

**Notes/Comments:**