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Chapter 8.16 HERITAGE TREES

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8.16.010 Purpose

The purpose of this chapter is to recognize, appreciate and provide for voluntary protection of trees that are of landmark importance due to age, size, species, horticultural quality or historic importance. (Ord. 12-11 §1)

8.16.020 General Provisions

A. The city manager or designee shall authorize a city board or committee to implement the provisions of this chapter.

B. Heritage trees and significant trees may be of equivalent landmark importance due to age, size, species, horticultural quality or historic importance. The designated review body may approve designation as a significant tree for a tree nominated as a heritage tree if the review body determines the tree is of lesser landmark importance, but still worthy of recognition. Alternatively, a tree owner or responsible party may choose to nominate a tree as a significant tree rather than a heritage tree if they determine the tree is of lesser landmark importance, but still worthy of recognition, or if they desire no

regulatory protection of the tree they would like to have recognized. (Ord. 12-11 §1)

8.16.030 Nomination and Designation of Heritage Trees

A. Any person may nominate a particular tree or group of trees to be designated as a heritage tree due to age, size, species, horticultural quality or historic importance. The nomination shall be submitted by the tree owner or responsible party or accompanied by the tree owner or responsible party's written consent. If the nominated tree is located on city property, the nomination shall be submitted by the city manager or designee or be accompanied by the city manager's or designee's written consent. Upon completion of the nomination process, the remaining portions of this subsection shall apply in the order listed.

B. After reviewing the nomination materials, and any supplemental information provided by the city manager or designee, the designated city board or committee may decide by majority vote to:

1. Recommend approval of the tree to be designated as a heritage tree upon finding it is of landmark importance due to age, size, species, horticultural quality or historic importance, and forward their recommendation to the City Council.

2. Approve the tree to be designated as a significant tree upon finding it is of landmark importance due to age, size, species, horticultural quality or historic importance. Upon receipt of the tree owner's or responsible party's written consent for designation as a significant tree, the tree shall be included in a publicly accessible inventory of trees.

3. Deny the tree as a heritage tree and significant tree.

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C. When the designated city board or committee recommends that council designate a tree as a heritage tree, the city manager or designee shall prepare for the tree owner or responsible party the paperwork necessary to record the heritage tree designation on the owner's or responsible party's deed, noting on such deed that the tree is subject to the provisions of this chapter. If the tree owner or responsible party fails to sign the necessary paperwork, the heritage tree designation shall be void, the matter shall not move forward to council, and the provisions of this chapter shall cease to apply to the tree.

D. After reviewing the nomination materials, any supplemental information provided by the city manager or designee, and the designated city board or committee's recommendation, the City Council may decide by majority vote to:

1. Approve the tree to be designated as a heritage tree upon finding it is of landmark importance due to age, size, species, horticultural quality or historic importance, at which point the city shall execute the necessary paperwork to record the heritage tree designation on the tree owner's or responsible party's deed, noting on such deed that the tree is subject to the provisions of this chapter. In addition, the tree shall be included in a publicly accessible inventory of trees.

2. Approve the tree to be designated as a significant tree upon finding it is of landmark importance due to age, size, species, horticultural quality or historic importance. Upon receipt of the tree owner's or responsible party's written consent for designation as a significant tree, the tree shall be included in a publicly accessible inventory of trees.

3. Deny the tree as a heritage tree and significant tree. (Ord. 12-11 §1)

8.16.040 Maintenance of Heritage Trees

Heritage trees shall be maintained in a manner consistent with tree care industry standards and shall be maintained so as not to become hazard trees as defined in Chapter 8.02 of the Tigard Municipal Code. (Ord. 12-11 §1)

8.16.050 Nomination and Designation of Significant Trees

A. Any person may nominate a particular tree or group of trees to be designated as a significant tree due to age, size, species, horticultural quality or historic importance. The nomination shall be submitted by the tree owner or responsible party or accompanied by the tree owner or responsible party's written consent. If the nominated tree is located on city property, the nomination shall be submitted by the city manager or designee or be accompanied by the city manager's or designee's written consent. Upon completion of the nomination process, the remaining portions of this subsection shall apply.

B. After reviewing the nomination materials, and any supplemental information provided by the city manager or designee, the designated city board or committee may decide by majority vote to:

1. Approve the tree to be designated as a significant tree upon finding it is of landmark importance due to age, size, species, horticultural quality or historic importance. The tree shall be included in a publicly accessible inventory of trees.

2. Deny the tree as a significant tree. (Ord. 12-11 §1)

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8.16.060 Incentives for Heritage Tree Designation

Designated heritage trees shall be eligible for the following incentives subject to availability of city funding and city approval:

A. Plaques which may be placed on or near heritage trees; and

B. Maintenance of heritage trees including, but not limited to:

1. Pruning,
2. Pest control,
3. Unwanted planted removal,
4. Fertilization,
5. Soil amendment, and
6. Cabling and bracing. (Ord. 12-11

§1)

8.16.070 Removal of Heritage Tree Designation

Heritage trees and heritage tree designations shall not be removed, without prior written approval obtained either through:

A. The City Manager Decision Making Procedures detailed in Section 8.04.020 using the approval criteria in the Heritage Tree Designation Removal Standards in the Urban Forestry Manual; or

B. The City Board or Committee Decision Making Procedures detailed in Section 8.04.030. (Ord. 12-11 §1)

8.16.080 Removal of Significant Tree Designation

A. Significant tree designation shall be removed when requested in writing by the tree owner or responsible party.

B. The tree owner or responsible party shall notify the city in writing of the removal of any significant tree. (Ord. 12-11 §1) ■