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Ordinance

Approve the designation of six trees as City of Portland Heritage Trees and remove the Heritage Tree designation from seven trees

Passed

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. Section 11.20.060 of the City Code provides for the listing, designation, and maintenance of Heritage Trees within the city which, because of their age, size, type, historical association or horticultural value, are of special importance to the City.
2. The Heritage Tree Committee has inspected and evaluated six significant trees nominated for inclusion in the Portland Heritage Tree program. The Committee presented its findings to Portland's Urban Forestry Commission, a volunteer body. The Urban Forestry Commission recommends that City Council designate these trees as Heritage Trees.
3. Section 11.20.060 of the City Code further instructs that "The Urban Forestry Commission (UFC) makes a recommendation to City Council as to whether the Heritage Tree designation should be removed from a tree...City Council may remove the designation if it finds that the designation is no longer appropriate." The Urban Forestry Commission recommends seven trees listed below be removed from the list because they have died and were physically removed or are dying and need to be removed. This action will reconcile the Heritage Tree list with current designations.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- A. Under the provision of PCC 11.20.060, the following trees are designated as Heritage Trees and are included in Portland's Heritage Tree program as outlined in Exhibit A:
 1. *Fagus sylvatica*, Copper beech, privately owned tree at 1943 SE Hemlock Ave.

Introduced by

[Commissioner Dan Ryan](#)

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Requested Agenda Type

Regular

Date and Time Information

Requested Council Date

March 22, 2023

2. *Platanus x acerfolia*, London plane, privately owned tree at 5014 NE Simpson St
3. *Corylus colurna*, Turkish hazelnut, publicly owned tree Knott Park
4. *Cedrus libani* ssp. *Atlantica*, Atlas cedar, publicly owned tree at 7688 SW Capitol Hwy
5. *Chamaecyparis lawsoniana*, Port Orford cedar, publicly owned tree at 5210 NE Thompson St
6. *Styphnolobium japonicum* syn *Sophora japonica*, Japanese pagoda, publicly owned tree at Argay Park

B. Under the provisions of PCC 11.20.060, Heritage Tree designation is removed from the following trees because the trees are dead, dying or have been removed as outlined in Exhibit A:

1. *Paulownia tomentosa*, Empress tree, privately owned tree at 2033 NW Glisan St.
2. *Quercus garryana*, Oregon white oak, publicly owned tree at Portland Heights Park
3. *Castanea dentata*, American chestnut, publicly owned tree at 1108 SE Lexington St
4. *Prunus avium*, Sweet cherry, privately owned tree at 3415 SE Kelly St
5. *Prunus avium*, Sweet cherry, privately owned tree at 15512 SE Powell Blvd
6. *Davidia involucrate*, Dove tree, privately owned tree at 4014 NE Laurelhurst Pl
7. *Quercus rubra*, Red oak, privately owned tree at 6824 SE 34th Ave

Documents and Exhibits

 [Exhibit A](#) 190.63 KB

An ordinance when passed by the Council shall be signed by the Auditor. It shall be carefully filed and preserved in the custody of the Auditor (City Charter Chapter 2 Article 1 Section 2-122)

Passed by Council
March 22, 2023

Auditor of the City of Portland
Simone Rede

Impact Statement

Purpose of Proposed Legislation and Background Information

To complete the annual Heritage Tree nomination process for trees worthy of recognition in the City, and to delist trees that have died or been removed.

Financial and Budgetary Impacts

N/A

Community Impacts and Community Involvement

Heritage Tree nominations come from members of the public. They are vetted by a committee of the Urban Forestry Commission that includes UFC members, members of the public, and City staff. It is a goal of the committee to have Heritage Trees equitably distributed throughout the City. Nominated trees are considered and recommended to City Council by the Urban Forestry Commission. Property owners of privately owned trees have given consent to the Heritage Tree designation. If the nominated tree overhangs into adjacent lots, those property owners have been notified and given an opportunity to comment on the pending status.

100% Renewable Goal

N/A

Agenda Items

209 Time Certain in [March 15, 2023 Council Agenda](#)

Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading March 22, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

244 Regular Agenda in [March 22, 2023 Council Agenda](#)

Passed

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Absent

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Absent

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea