

RESOLUTION NO. 252

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODINVILLE, WASHINGTON, CREATING A CITY TREE TRIBUTE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Woodinville has adopted Guiding Principles that identify partnerships as essential for achieving the goals and objectives of the City; and

WHEREAS, the public often desires to honor others or special events; and

WHEREAS, the City's vision is to preserve its Northwest woodland character; and

WHEREAS, trees are the principle component of the City that contributes to the "Northwest woodland character" the City strives to preserve; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to acknowledge tribute opportunities in the City by establishing public tree groves for planting trees in memory of a person or to commemorate a special person or event; and

WHEREAS, a tree tribute program will promote partnerships and help meet community urban forestry goals;

WHEREAS, such a program provides a public benefit by allowing and encouraging private gifts;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODINVILLE, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Program Vision and Goal.

The Tree Tribute program was developed to provide the community with opportunities to plant a tree in memory of a person or to commemorate a special person or event. The goal of the program is to locate trees in public groves throughout the City. The groves serve as a community tribute to Woodinville's heritage and northwest woodland character.

The Community Development Department shall administer the Tree Tribute Program with appropriate input from the Parks and Public Works Departments. This program will be coordinated with the City's public gift program administered by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Section 2. Tree Grove Locations.

Tree grove locations shall be recommended to the City Tree Official by the Tree Board and Parks and Recreation Commission. The final locations shall be determined by the City Tree Official, with the concurrence of the Director of Parks and Recreation and the Public Works Director. Groves should be located in places where public and maintenance equipment access is adequate. Environmental benefits such as shade for waterways and animal habitat should be given priority when selecting grove locations. Street tree areas may also be used for tree tribute locations as approved by the Department of Public Works.

Section 3. Tree Grove Design.

Grove designs will be dependent on the location with respect to soil conditions and selection of tree species types. In general, a grove will consist of at least three trees, and will be planted in a natural setting. The City Tree Official shall seek design concurrence by the Tree Board and the Parks and Recreation Commission. Groves may be candidates for artwork placement as determined by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Section 4. Tribute Markers.

A single, main marker will be displayed in each tree grove location. Individual plaque plates may be placed on the main marker with a limited inscription. Inscriptions may contain the name of a person or event (such as a wedding anniversary, birthday, etc.) and a date. The Tree Tribute Program is not intended for use to further a specific cause or opinion. The name of the donor may also be included if adequate plate space is available.

Donors may choose other gifts (i.e. benches) to be located, if feasible as determined by the appropriate Department Director, within tree grove area. The City will coordinate donations prior to planting.

Section 5. Tree Species Selection.

Tree species selection will be administered through a list of options dependent on the grove location conditions as coordinated by the City Tree Official with Community Development Department and the Parks and/or Public Works Departments. Evergreen species will be favored where appropriate. To the extent possible, as determined by the appropriate City department, donors may select the tree species type. The trees shall be planted as a grove and not as an individual tree.

Section 6. Tree Planting.

Tree planting will be done by the City or through the City's volunteer program independent of the tribute event. The City Tree Official shall coordinate the various tree planting components with the City's Parks, Public Works, and Community Development Departments. The City shall strive to plant trees at least once a year, no less than once every two years, for the tree tribute program considering the number of donations.

Section 7. Tribute Event.

Each year, when trees have been purchased and planted, a tribute event may be conducted in the planted grove. The event will consist of plaque plate presentations.

Section 8. Maintenance.

Maintenance shall be the responsibility of the appropriate City department. Use of the City's volunteer program for maintenance work is encouraged. Maintenance will include replacement of dead or diseased trees.

Section 9. Donation Cost.

The donation cost shall be established by the City Tree Official. The donation cost will be based on the cost of planting, the cost of the marker and plaque plate, and a two-year per tree maintenance cost.

Section 10. Donation Process

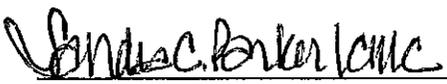
The City Tree Official is responsible for the Tree Tribute program and shall establish a process for accepting donations. This program should be coordinated with the City's Gift Program administered by the Parks and Recreation Department.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODINVILLE THIS 11th DAY OF AUGUST, 2003.



Scott Hageman, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



Sandra C. Parker/CMC
City Clerk