



ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER #000068 053107

INTERPRETATION OF DEVELOPMENT CODE

CODE SECTION: 20.50.350(F) Landmark Tree Designation

FINDINGS:

Section 20.50.350(F) states that the Director shall establish criteria and procedures for the designation of landmark trees.

DECISION - Criteria and Procedures for the Designation of Landmark Trees:

A property owner may propose that a tree located on his or her private property be designated as a landmark tree. Any city resident may propose to the city that a tree located on public property be designated as a landmark tree. No tree may be designated without the approval of the property owner(s) on which the tree, or any portion of the tree's branches or canopy, is located. In this case, "property owner" shall mean all parties that have any interest in the property, including mortgages, easements and covenants. Once such approval is given, however, it may not subsequently be withdrawn by the property owner or by a subsequent property owner.

Upon receipt of a proposed designation and the approval of the property owner, the city may retain the services of an arborist to determine whether the tree satisfies the definition of landmark tree as defined in Shoreline Municipal Code Section 20.50.350. The cost of the arborist shall be borne by the applicant. The Director, at his discretion, may accept a report prepared by a certified arborist that the owner obtained prior to submitting a request for landmark designation.

If the arborist concludes the subject tree(s) meet the criteria outlined in section 20.50.350(F) SMC and the Director concurs with the evaluation, the designation shall be memorialized in a covenant. The covenant shall require that the tree(s) be maintained in a manner that is consistent with the provisions of this section and preclude extinguishment by anyone other than the City of Shoreline. To complete the designation process the covenant must be recorded with the county auditor. Any costs to record the covenant must be paid by the applicant. The covenant and designation will be effective from the date of recording until such time as a clearing permit has been issued for the cutting of the tree.

original signed by Joe Tovar June 4, 2007

Director's Signature

Date

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