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ORDINANCE NO. 617

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON DESIGNATING A RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF CITY-OWNED PUBLIC TREES IN THE CITY OF SHORELINE AND ESTABLISHING A TREE BOARD

WHEREAS, the Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the United States Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters; and

WHEREAS, benefits of joining the Tree City USA program, as outlined by the Arbor Day Foundation, include increased public awareness of social, economical and environmental benefits of urban forestry practices, educational opportunities to improve urban forestry practices, provision of a blueprint for planting and maintaining City-owned trees, and community signage that shows that the community cares about its environment and supports tree preservation and planting; and

WHEREAS, to become a Tree City USA, the City must designate an individual to oversee the planting, care, maintenance and removal of City-owned trees; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to maintaining or increasing the tree canopy in the City over time; and

WHEREAS, designating a Tree Board to make tree management recommendations to the City-designated individual is beneficial to Tree City USA programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. New Chapter. A new chapter, Chapter 12.30, *Public Tree Management*, is hereby adopted to read as follows:

12.30.010 Jurisdiction and administration.

It shall be the responsibility of the Director of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department (hereafter "director") to manage and oversee the planting, care, maintenance and removal of all trees on all streets, rights-of-way, and City-owned public property within the City limits in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

12.30.020 Tree Board.

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board is authorized to serve as the City's Tree Board. The Tree Board shall be advisory to the city council. The primary responsibility of the Tree Board shall be to make policy recommendations concerning the management of trees located on City-owned public property and in City rights-of-way. The Tree Board shall be comprised of all members of the Parks, Recreation and

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Cultural Services Board acting in an ex officio capacity, and the roles, officers and terms of the Tree Board shall be the same as the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board.

12.30.030 Adoption of administrative procedures.

The director is authorized to prepare and adopt after public notice and opportunity for public comment procedures, technical standards, and standard plans necessary to facilitate implementation of this chapter, including a list of approved street trees in the Engineering Development Guide after notice and opportunity for public comment. The director shall make recommendations for the fee in lieu of replacement street trees for adoption in the City fee schedule in Chapter 3.01 of the municipal code.

Section 2. Amendment. SMC 2.55.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.55.010 Created – Purpose.

The Shoreline parks, recreation and cultural services board is hereby created. The board is to provide additional citizen input on park maintenance and operations, design matters, programs and services in sports, leisure and cultural activities, and management of trees located in City-owned public property and in City rights-of-way.

Section 3. Amendment. SMC 2.55.060(B) is hereby amended to read as follows:


2.55.060 Responsibilities.

B. The full board may make reports and recommendations to the city council concerning parks and recreation plans and policies, maintenance, operation and design of parks, public trees and program activities in sports, leisure and cultural services. The board will make recommendations concerning the acquisition, care, maintenance, utilization and disposition of buildings, property and equipment related to parks programs.

Section 4. Tree Board Review. Within one year of the effective date of this ordinance, the director and Tree Board membership shall provide an update to the city council regarding Tree Board activities, schedule, efforts, and work plan, among other topics.


Section 5. Effective Date and Publication. A summary of this ordinance consisting of its title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City. The ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five days after passage and publication.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 13, 2012.


Keith A. McGlashan, Mayor

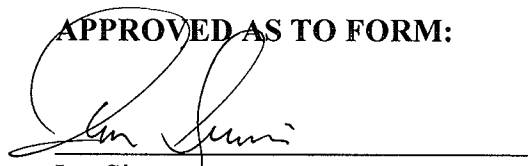
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City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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City Attorney

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