

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE October 10, 2023

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **City of Dallas Historic Tree Designation – 10/25/2023 City Council Agenda (23-2514)**

The City of Dallas, through Article X, includes a historic tree provision that can be utilized on private and public property. This process includes permission from the property owner and affords additional protections for designated historic trees. On May 10, 2023, the Council approved a resolution giving historic tree status to the West Dallas Gateway Pecan tree on Beckley Avenue. On the October 25 City Council Agenda, you will be presented with eighty-six trees at six city-owned locations to approve under this provision of Article X. These trees, once designated, can only be removed by authorization of the City Council in a subsequent action item, or in the event of a critically dangerous public safety issue.

The following 86 trees and six locations will be on your agenda:

- Big Spring Bur Oak at the Big Spring Site Historic Overlay District (DWU)
- Grove of 25 trees at Dealey Plaza (PARD)
- Cherokee Oak Tree at Dallas Heritage Village (PARD)
- Grove of 40 trees at Pioneer Plaza Park (PARD)
- Comanche Marker Tree at California Crossing (PARD)
- Grove of 18 trees at Moore Park (PARD)

As a reminder, a historic tree means “a tree, or grove of trees, that has been recognized by resolution of the city council as having cultural or historical significance”. The owner of the property and tree must be in agreement and authorize in writing the requested designation since this will be filed at the County as part of Deed Restrictions.

Included in the nomination packet would be information such as:

- cultural or historical significance to the community
- tree qualifications must be stated on the application or supplemental documents.
- located on an historic site or is adjacent to the historic site
- rare characteristic for its unique large size, age, or species for the region or state
- established in community recognition, or in memorial, to a person, place, or event
- community landmark and recognized as a significant feature of the site
- complementary information may be provided to address the significant size and age of the tree, the uniqueness of the species, its importance in arboriculture, and other noted relevant history

A complete application will be reviewed by the city arborist for its condition, standards of maintenance, and the growing environment. For more specifics on the application, and an application, residents or businesses may review the packet included in <https://dallascityhall.com/departments/sustainabledevelopment/buildinginspection/Pages/landscape-and-tree-manual.aspx>.

If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carl Simpson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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