



Council Agenda Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Philip Bennett, Urban Forester
DATE: Monday, November 8, 2021
SUBJECT: Arbor Day Proclamation 2021

BACKGROUND

Since 2010, The City has met the requirements to be recognized as a Tree City USA through the national Arbor Day Foundation. The four standards are:

1. A tree board or department responsible for the care of trees on City property;
2. A tree care ordinance;
3. A community forestry program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita; and
4. An Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

National Arbor Day is celebrated on the last Friday in April each year. Typically, Snoqualmie's celebration is held on a weekend day in April. In 2021, due to concerns with the COVID-19 Pandemic, the City postponed Arbor Day until October 23rd, and the proclamation has not yet been read.

ANALYSIS

There is no requirement to hold Arbor Day in the month of April. In 2022, city staff plan to return to celebrating Arbor Day in April, as is the custom.

RECOMMENDATION

Read the Arbor Day Proclamation into the record in order to meet the requirements set forth by Tree City USA and recertify as a Tree City.

BUDGET

There is no budgetary impact outside of the approved annual program budget.

PROCLAMATION - Attached as page two.



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Snoqualmie promotes the planting of trees on public and private lands, reforestation of open spaces, and other tree protection and enhancements that help sustain the natural character of the Snoqualmie landscape; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska in 1872; and

WHEREAS, trees of all shapes and sizes reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil, reduce flooding, cut home heating and cooling costs, clean the air, combat climate change and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, the presence of trees in our city directly improve human health and wellbeing:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Matthew R. Larson, Mayor of the City of Snoqualmie do hereby proclaim October 23, 2021 as

ARBOR DAY 2021

in the City of Snoqualmie and encourage all residents to encourage all residents to join me in caring for trees of all shapes and sizes in our community

APPROVED, this 8th day of November, 2021

Matthew R. Larson, Mayor

