

## Information Regarding Heritage Trees 222-226

6/18/19

1. City code requires documented permission of the property owner at the time of designation for a private property tree to become a Heritage Tree.
2. In 1999, 5 American sycamore trees at 230 SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue were designated by Council as Heritage Trees in public right-of-way. They were private property trees.
3. The current property owner informed the city that the trees are not Heritage Trees because no record of property owner consent at the time of Council designation exists.
4. This claim was researched and no record of property owner consent for Heritage Tree designation in 1999 was found.
5. The City Attorney's office advised that the trees had been designated erroneously in 1999 because no property owner consent was obtained.
6. The current owner of 230 SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue has engaged in the Early Assistance process to develop the property, currently a parking lot, into a six-story mixed residential and commercial use building.
7. Urban Forestry and City Attorney met with the property owner's representatives and expressed that the trees were valued by the City as Heritage Trees. Urban Forestry voiced that the property owner could choose to design the property development to protect and retain the trees, offering the example of the Millar Library at PSU.
8. To apply for these or other trees to be Heritage Trees, a completed application form and signed property owner consent form are required.