

Heritage Tree
Planning Commission Recommendations

- I. Amend definition of Heritage Tree in section 25-8-602 (1)
 - a. Eliminate the single stem requirement
 - b. List eligible species in the ordinance
- II. Amend criteria for protected tree removal permit and heritage tree variance in sections 25-8-624(A) (4) and 25-8-642 (A) (1)
 - a. Delete reference to “dying” trees as a reason to remove.
- III. Amend criteria for protected tree removal (also used for heritage trees) in 25-8-624(A) (2)
 - a. Replace “a reasonable use” with “all reasonable use”
- IV. Amend exceptions to permit for protected tree or variance for heritage tree in sections 25-8-621 (B) and 25-8-641 (D)
 - a. Require “imminent” hazard as justification
 - b. NOTE: PC recommendation listed only 25-8-621(B), but 641 (D) is the equivalent section for heritage trees so staff assumes PC intended both to be changed.
- V. Require the City to comply with the ordinance. (see new section 25-8-607)
- VI. Delete section 25-8-642 (C)
- VII. Require that administrative variances in 25-8- 642 (D) for removal of heritage tree be preceded by recommendation from the Urban Forestry Board
 - a. Applies to administrative variances that are not base on the tree being dead, diseased, or a hazard.