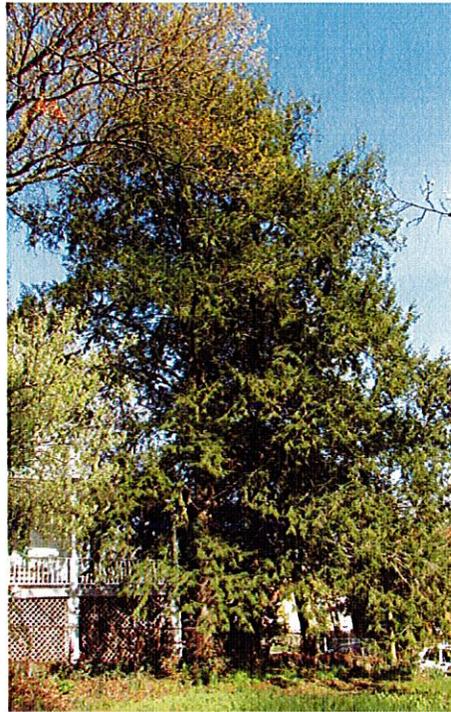


Adopted: January 14, 2020



## CITY OF MOUNT RAINIER, MARYLAND

### RESOLUTION NO. 03-2020

Introduced by: Mayor & Council

#### **A Resolution Declaring An Exceptional Tree Located At 3209 Shephard Street**

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Rainier’s Code of Ordinances in Section 12B-4 provides that the Mayor and City Council, by resolution, may designate a private property tree as “exceptional” if it is unique and has intrinsic value to the general public because of its size, age, historic association, or ecological value;

**Whereas**, the Code of Ordinances provides extra protections for trees designated as exceptional;

**Whereas**, the City’s Tree Commission nominated the Eastern Hemlock located at 3209 Shephard Street for consideration by the Mayor and City Council to designate as an exceptional tree;

**Whereas**, the nominated Eastern Hemlock is unique as one of the few of that native species growing in the City;

**Whereas**, the Eastern Hemlock species is suffering from climate warming in our region;

**Whereas**, the nominated Eastern Hemlock has intrinsic value to the general public because of its size, age, and ecological value;

**Whereas**, the nominated Eastern Hemlock has an historic association with the adjacent Spring Park and one of the oldest homes in the City;

**Whereas**, the nominated Eastern Hemlock was featured in a Dec. 25, 2014 *New York Times* article;

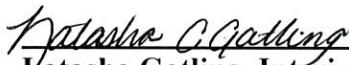
**Whereas**, the owners of 3209 Shepherd Street support the exceptional designation;

**Therefore, be it Resolved that the Eastern Hemlock at 3209 Shepherd Street is hereby designated as the first official exceptional tree; and**

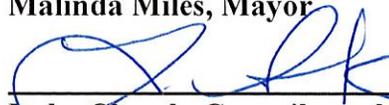
**Be it further Resolved, that a commemorative metal plaque shall be placed on or near the exceptional Eastern Hemlock.**

**THIS RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT RAINIER THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2020.**

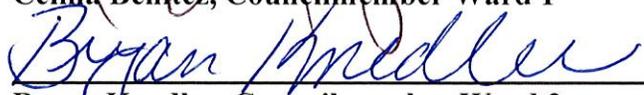
Attest:

  
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Latasha Gatling, Interim City Manager

  
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Malinda Miles, Mayor

  
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Luke Cheseck, Councilmember Ward 1

  
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Celina Benitez, Councilmember Ward 1

  
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Bryan Knedler, Councilmember Ward 2

  
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Scott Cecil, Councilmember Ward 2