### **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-55**

# A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE HISTORIC SITES TREE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION PROGRAM

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that mature trees represent a resource in our community and on historic sites that is worth preserving;

WHEREAS, City Council Resolution 73-68 protects specimen, or heritage, trees by prohibiting removal of specimen trees, unless the tree becomes infected or infested beyond control, detrimental or hazardous to the public health, safety or welfare;

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2000, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2000-72 adopting the Historic Sites Tree Protection and Preservation Program, thereby providing a mechanism for preserving matures trees within the City's Historic Districts;

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission raised several concerns with the loss of mature trees with the City's Historic Districts;

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission recommended the formation of the Tree Ad Hoc Committee comprised of Historic Preservation Commissioners Debra Martin, James Gallivan, and Ann Tomkins to review the Historic Sites Tree Protection and Preservation Program and make recommendations to improve the program to further protect and preserve the City's urban forestry within Historic Districts;

WHEREAS, staff worked with the Tree Ad Hoc Committee over the course of several years to review the Historic Sites Tree Protection and Preservation Program, and formulate and refine a set of recommended amendments to the Historic Sites Tree Protection and Preservation Program;

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2020 and February 5, 2020, staff presented the Historic Preservation Commission a set of recommended amendments to the Historic Sites Tree Protection and Preservation Program and the Commission made further amendments;

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2020, staff presented the Parks and Recreation Commission a set of recommended amendments to the Historic Sites Tree Protection Program and the Parks and Recreation Commission voted unanimously to recommend City Council approval of the recommended amendments;

WHEREAS, the goal is to improve the Historic Sites Tree Protection and Preservation Program to further protect and preserve the City's urban forestry within Historic Districts in a manner that disincentives the removal of mature trees and does not endanger lives, or create hazards that could threaten critical infrastructure; and

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WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Historic Preservation Commission adopted Resolution No. 20-006 recommending that the City Council amend the Historic Sites Tree Protection and Preservation Program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:

<u>SECTION 1</u>: The City Council hereby amend the Tree Protection and Preservation Program outlined below.

### 1) Definitions.

- a) "ANSI A300 Pruning Standards." Industry-developed, national consensus standards for the practice of tree care such as reasons to prune a tree may include, but are not limited to, reducing risk, managing tree health and structure, improve aesthetics, or achieving other specific objectives. Intended for use by federal, state, municipal, private entities including arborists, property owners, property managers, and utilities.
- b) "Character-Defining Landscaping." Character-defining landscaping shall include all the trees currently designated on the City's "Protected Species List" and located in the historic districts and historic sites throughout the City. This definition also includes trees not on the "Protected Species List" and located outside historic districts but on historic sites.
- c) "Circumference measured at breast height." The measurement around the tree trunk that is measured at four and one-half (4½) feet above ground level. Trees that split into multi-trunks below four and one-half (4½) feet shall use the sum of each individual trunk measured at four and one-half (4½) feet above ground level to determine the circumferences.
- d) "Diameter at breast height (dbh)." A form of measurement of an existing tree trunk. Diameter is measured at four and one-half (4½) feet above ground level. Trees that split into multi trunks below four and one-half (4½) feet shall use the sum of each individual trunk measured four and one-half (4½) feet above the natural grade to determine the diameter.
- e) "Drip line." A line which may be drawn on the ground around a tree directly under its outermost branch tips and which identifies that location where rainwater tends to drip from the tree.
- f) "Hazard or hazardous condition." Any condition in a tree that poses a significant and imminent threat of serious injury or harm to the public or catastrophic damage to real property.
- g) "Historic Sites." Historic sites shall include historic landmarks and contributing and noncontributing structures within historic districts and historic sites outside historic districts throughout the City. Structures legally exempted from the historic district shall not be

subject to the private property restrictions of this program. Landscaping within the public right-of-way adjacent to an exempted structure shall be subject to this program.

- h) "ISA." The International Society of Arboriculture ("ISA") which is a professional association of arborists and tree workers that is recognized internally as one of the leading agencies in the research and establishment of high standards for all aspects of tree care.
- i) "Landmark tree." A tree designated as a landmark of historic or cultural significance and of importance to the community due to any of the following factors: It is one of the largest or oldest trees of the species located in the city; it has historical significance due to an association with a historic building, site, street, person or event; or it is a defining landmark or significant outstanding feature of a neighborhood.
- j) "Landmark-eligible tree." A tree which meets the criteria for designation as a landmark tree, as determined by the review authority.
- k) "Maintain or maintenance." The act of routinely pruning, trimming, spraying, fertilizing, watering, treating for disease or injury or any other similar act which promotes growth, health, beauty, and life of trees.
- l) "Multi-trunk." Any tree with multiple trunks attributed to a single tree. Each trunk shall be measured at a height of four and one-half (4½) feet above ground level, and the combined circumference of the trunks shall be used to determine the tree's size for purposes of this chapter.
- m) "Protected Species List." The City's comprehensive list of all protected trees, including specimen (heritage) trees as defined by City Council Resolutions No. 62-65 and No. 73-68, and trees located on public and private property within historic districts and historic sites throughout the City. The list includes Pomona-area native species and other species based on the diameter at breast height (dbh) and overall height.
- n) "Pruning." Pruning, trimming, or thinning means to reduce the size of a tree using industry accepted standards, as established by the International Society of Arboriculture and/or the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) A300 Standards-Pruning, to control the height and spread of the tree, preserve its health and natural appearance, produce fuller branching and shaping, or make adjustments which will increase its longevity in an urban environment.
- o) "Removal/remove." Removal or remove means the uprooting, cutting or severing of the main trunk, or major branches of a tree or any act which causes, or maybe reasonably expected to cause a tree to die, including but not limited to the following; inflicting damage upon the root system of a tree by machinery, storage of materials, or soil compaction; substantially changing the grade above the root system or trunk of the tree and excessively or severely pruning or root pruning.

- p) "Serious harm." With regard to any tree, any act or activity that causes damage to a tree thereby leaving the tree in a physical state that, in the judgment of the City Arborist or any other Certified Arborist retained by the city, (i) makes the death of the tree reasonably eminent; (ii) significantly shortens the normal life expectancy of the tree; or (iii) makes it impossible or reasonably unlikely that the tree can be fully restored to a condition of good health and/or normal appearance within thirty (30) calendar days of such harm having been inflicted.
- q) "Severely prune" means pruning the tree that deviates from industry standards by "topping," "lion's tailing," removal of more than twenty-five (25) percent of the foliage or leaving stubs.
- r) "Street Trees." Any tree planted by the city on a city easement, parkway and or dedicated land. Trees or landscaping planted in the public right-of-way by adjacent property owners are not considered street trees, unless such tree is required as a condition of approval from the Historic Preservation Commission, Planning Commission or City Council.
- s) "Topping," also known as "heading back," "stubbing," and or "pollarding" means a severe type of trimming which results in the indiscriminate cutting back of large diameter branches to stubs. Such severe practices disfigures the tree and is generally hazardous to the overall health and stability of a tree.

# 2) Coordination with Southern California Edison on Line Clearing Activities.

- a) Annual Line Clearing Schedule Notification. Annually, Southern California Edison shall submit to the Public Works Department a schedule of anticipated tree trimming in all City historic districts and historic sites. The schedule shall identify contractors and locations.
- b) Palm Tree Identification. Annual notification shall include identification of all palm trees in City historic districts and historic sites that have the potential to encroach on power lines.
- c) Line Clearing Standards. All line clearance work on mature significant trees, specimen (heritage) trees, or city street trees shall be in compliance with the utility pruning standards established by the International Society of Arboriculture and the Utility Arborists Association, A summary of the standards is presented in Exhibit A.
- d) Historic Preservation Commission Notification. All notifications provided to the Public Works Department shall be sent to the Historic Preservation Commission within ten (10) days of a scheduled tree trimming within all City historic districts and historic sites.

## 3) Removal of Character-Defining Landscaping.

- a) Application Process. All requests to remove Character-Defining Landscaping shall be accepted and processed by the Planning Division through a Minor Certificate of Appropriateness application.
- b) Permitted Removals. Removal of Character-Defining Landscaping shall be permitted if one of the following criteria is met, subject to approval of a Minor Certificate of Appropriateness.
  - i. Danger to Public Welfare. A Minor Certificate of Appropriateness shall be obtained prior to removal of any and all character-defining landscaping within historic districts

and historic sites throughout the City that is clearly a danger to the public welfare, including trees that are in danger of toppling, blocking traffic visibility and cannot be trimmed to allow a clear line of sight, damaging structures that threaten lives, and/or damaging infrastructure that provide essential services such as electrical power or communications that could threaten lives or the provision of essential services such as electrical power or communications. The City Building Official, City Engineer, and/or City Arborist shall assess all potential dangers to the public welfare, determine the severity of the situation and provide a recommendation to the Planning Manager. This does not include damage to sewer and water lines that disrupt service to private property unless a danger to the public welfare is present. A Minor Certificate of Appropriateness may be approved after removal of any character-defining landscaping in situations where there is a verified imminent danger to the public welfare so as not to delay removal of the imminent danger.

- ii. Dead or Diseased Trees. A Minor Certificate of Appropriateness shall be obtained prior to removal of any dead or diseased trees within historic districts and historic sites throughout the City that are not likely to recover and/or have the potential to infect other nearby trees. The City Arborist shall assess all dead or diseased trees and provide a recommendation to the Planning Manager.
- c) Unpermitted Removal. A retroactive Minor Certificate of Appropriateness shall be obtained for all unpermitted removal of any and all character-defining landscaping within historic districts and historic sites throughout the City.
- 4) Pruning and Trimming. All trees, with the exception of oak trees, located within historic districts and historic sites throughout the City pruned or trimmed in conformance with the most current guidelines of International Society of Arboriculture and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) A300-Pruning Standards shall not require a permit. Pruning or trimming of any tree that deviates from these guidelines, and pruning or trimming of any oak tree shall require a Minor Certificate of Appropriateness.
- 5) Replacement. The removals of any and all character-defining landscaping within historic districts and historic sites throughout the City shall be subject to replacement as defined below.
  - a) Permitted Removals. Permitted removal of any and all character-defining landscaping subject to a Minor Certificate of Appropriateness shall be replaced based on a ratio that replaces the benefit loss of the removed tree(s) using an objective methodology acceptable to the City Arborist. The replacement trees shall be planted with suitable species selected from the City's recommended tree palette and with the approval from the City Arborist. If any trees cannot be planted on the subject property, or the immediate public right-of-way, an in-lieu fee may be paid into the City's tree mitigation and planting fund, which shall be used to plant trees within the historic district where the tree(s) were removed. The tree replacement requirements must be satisfied within one year of the granting of a Minor Certificate of Appropriateness for tree removals.
  - b) Unpermitted Removals. Unpermitted removal of any and all character-defining landscaping subject to a retroactive Minor Certificate of Appropriateness shall be replaced based on a ratio that replaces the benefit loss of the removed tree(s) multiplied by two (2) using an objective methodology acceptable to the City Arborist. The replacement trees

shall be planted with suitable species selected from the City's recommended tree palette and with the approval from the City Arborist. If any trees cannot be planted on the subject property, or the immediate public right-of-way, an in-lieu fee may be paid into the City's tree mitigation and planting fund, which shall be used to plant trees within the historic district where the tree(s) were removed. The tree replacement requirements must be satisfied within one year of the granting of a Minor Certificate of Appropriateness for tree removals. This section shall not apply to the removal of character-defining landscaping that is an imminent danger to the public welfare.

- c) Unpermitted removals during Construction Activities. If a tree removal occurs in the course of any construction activities authorized pursuant to a conditional use permit, variance, design review, tentative map or other discretionary land use approval or any city-issued grading permit, building permit, excavation permit or temporary certificate of occupancy, the City, in addition to all other remedies available to it under this chapter, may issue a stop-work order suspending and prohibiting further activity on the property until a mitigation plan has been filed with and approved by the Planning Manager, agreed to in writing by the property owner(s) and either implemented or guaranteed by the posting of adequate security. The mitigation plan shall include measures for the protection of any remaining Protected Trees.
- 6) Appeals. In accordance with the following provisions, any applicant or other interested person dissatisfied with any decision on the application for a Minor Certificate of Appropriateness may appeal such decision.
  - a) Decisions of the Planning Manager or designee may be appealed to the Historic Preservation Commission. Decisions of the Historic Preservation Commission may be appealed to the City Council.
  - b) All appeals shall be made in writing stating the reason(s) for appeal. Such appeals shall be filed with the Planning Division within twenty (20) days of the decision on the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness. The receipt of a written appeal shall stay all actions, or put in abeyance all permits or other discretionary approvals which may have been granted, pending the effective date of the decision on the appeal.
  - c) Appeals shall be scheduled for the earliest regular meeting of the hearing body, not less than fifteen (15) days or more than forty-five (45) days after the date of filing an appeal, consistent with the agenda preparation procedures and scheduling of the Historic Preservation Commission and City Council meetings as the case may be.

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# EXHIBIT A

		DRAFT PROTECTED SPECIES LIST	
Genus	Species	Pomona-area Native Protected  Common Name	Protection Size (DBH)
Acer	macrophyllum	Bigleaf maple	8
Aesculus	californica	California buckeye	82
Alnus	rhombifolia	White alder	82
Arctostaphylos	glauca	Bigberry manzanita	<b>∞</b> ₌
Cercocarpus	betuloides	Mountain ironwood	82
Frangula	californica	Coffeeberry	8"
Fraxinus	velutina	Velvet ash	82
Heteromeles	arbutifolia	Toyon	89:
Juglans	californica	Southern California black walnut	82
Juglans	hindsii	Northern California black walnut	8211
Juniperus	californica	California juniper	89:
Malosma	laurina	Laurel sumac	80 1
Platanus	racemosa	California sycamore	8 =
Populus	fremontii	Fremont cottonwood	∞ <u>.</u>
Populus	trichocarpa	Black cottonwood	8"
Prosopis	glandulosa	Honey mesquite	8::
Prunus	ilicifolia	Hollyleaf cherry	8"
Pseudotsuga	macrocarpa	Bigcone Douglas fir	8"
Quercus	agrifolia	Coast live oak	8"
Quercus	berberidifolia	Scrub oak	82:
Quercus	chrysolepis	Canyon live oak	82
Quercus	durata	Leather oak	82.
Quercus	engelmannii	Engelmann oak	8"
Quercus	lobata	Valley oak	8.

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10	Strawborn madron	unedo	Arbutus
extracting (	Madrone	menziesii	Arbutus
12'	Norfolk Island pine	heterophylla	Araucaria
16"	Cook pine	columnaris	Araucaria
12"	Monkey puzzle tree	araucana	Araucaria
18"	Rose gum	costata	Angophora
16"	Silk tree	julibrissin	Albizia
16"	Tree of heaven	altissima	Ailanthus
10"	Peppermint tree	flexuosa	Agonis
16"	African fern pine	falcatus	Afrocarpus
10"	Common horsechestnut	hippocastamum	Aesculus
10"	Red horsechestnut	x carnea	Aesculus
16"	Silver Maple	saccharinum	Acer
10"	Japanese maple	palmatum	Acer
10"	Trident maple	buergerianum	Acer
Protection Size	Common Name	Species	Genus
	Other DBH Protected		
œ	California laurel	californica	Umbellularia
8"	Blue elderberry	nigra	Sambucus
8"	Arroyo willow	lasiolepis	Salix
8:	Pacific willow	lasiandra	Salix
8"	Red willow	laevigata	Salix
811	Gooding's willow	goodingii	Salix
8"	Sandbar willow	exigua	Salix
8"	Sugar bush	ovata	Rhus
8"	Lemonade berry	integrifolia	Rhus
811	Hollyleaf redberry	ilicifolia	Rhamnus
<u>&amp;</u>	Interior live oak	wislizeni	Quercus

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		citriodora	Corvmbia
10"	Citrus tree	Any	Citrus
14"	Camphor tree	camphora	Cinnamomum
10"	Chitalpa	tashkentensis	x Chitalpa
10"	Chinese fringe tree	retusus	Chionanthus
10"	Desert willow	linearis	Chilopsis
10"	Western redbud	occidentalis	Cercis
10"	Eastern redbud	canadensis	Cercis
10"	Carob tree	siliqua	Ceratonia
18"	Floss silk tree	speciosa	Ceiba
18"	White floss silk tree	insignis	Ceiba
16"	Deodar cedar	deodora	Cedrus
16"	Atlas cedar	atlantica	Cedrus
12"	Northern catalpa	speciosa	Catalpa
16"	Moreton Bay chestnut	australe	Castanospermum
10"	Golden shower	fistula	Cassia
18"	River she-oak	cunninghamiana	Casuarina
10"	White sapote	edulis	Casimiroa
16"	Pecan	illinoinensis	Carya
10"	Camellia	sp.	Camellia
10"	Cape chestnut	capense	Calodendrum
10"	Incense cedar	decurrens	Calocedrus
16"	Lemon bottlebrush	citrinus	Callistemon
18"	Kurrajong	populneus	Brachychiton
18"	Queensland lacebark	discolor	Brachychiton
18"	Flame tree	acerifolius	Brachychiton
12"	Hong Kong orchid tree	x blakeana	Bauhinia
14"	Purple orchid tree	variegata	Bauninia

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Common flannel bush Australian willow	
Evergreen ash	
Indian laurel fig	
Moreton Bay fig	
Edible fig	
Weeping fig	
Red ironbark	
Silver dollar gum	
Small-leaved gum	
Nichol's willow-leafed peppe	ermint
White ironbark	
Rainbow eucalyptus	
Sugar gum	
Cockspur coral tree	
Naked coral tree	
South African coral tree	
Shrub coral tree	
Japanese loquat	
Bronze loquat	Acceptance of Ac
Dragon tree	
Pink-ball	
Japanese persimmon	
Italian cypress	
Carrot Wood	
Red flowering gum	
	Red flowering gum  Carrot Wood  Italian cypress  Japanese persimmon  Pink-ball  Dragon tree  Bronze loquat  Shrub coral tree  South African coral tree  Cockspur coral tree  Cockspur coral tree  Sugar gum  Rainbow eucalyptus  White ironbark  White ironbark  Nichol's willow-leafed peppermint  Small-leaved gum  Silver dollar gum  Red ironbark  Weeping fig  Edible fig  Moreton Bay fig  Indian laurel fig  Raywood ash  Evergreen ash  Common flannel bush  Australian willow

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Quercus	Quercus	Quercus	Quercus	Pyrus	Punica	Pseudotsuga	Prunus	Prunus	Prunus	Prunus	Platanus	Platanus	Pittosporum	Pittosporum	Pittosporum	Pinus	Pinus	Pinus	Pinus	Pinus	Pinus	Pinus	Pinus	Persea	Parkinsonia	Parkinsonia	Paraserianthes
macrocarpa	kelloggii	ilex	douglasii	calleryana	granatum	menziesii	persica	dulcis	cerasifera	avium	occidentalis	x hispanica	undulatum	tobira	rhombifolium	torreyana	radiata	ponderosa	pinea	halepensis	eldarica	coulteri	canariensis	americana	microphylla	florida	lopantha
Bur oak	California black oak	Holly oak	Blue oak	Ornamental pear	Pomegranate	Douglas fir	Peach	Almond	Purple-leaf plum	Sweet cherry	American sycamore	London plane tree	Victorian box	Japanese cheesewood	Queensland pittosporum	Torrey pine	Monterey pine	Ponderosa pine	Italian stone pine	Aleppo pine	Mondell Pine	Coulter pine	Canary Island pine	Mexican avocado	Little leaf palo verde	Blue Palo Verde	Plume albizia
10"	10"	10"	10"	10"	10"	18"	10"	10"	10"	10"	12"	12"	12"	12"	12"	18"	16"	18"	18"	16"	16"	16"	18"	10"	10"	12"	10"

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Phoenix	Livistona	Livistona	Chamaerops	Butia	Brahea	Brahea	Archontophoenix	Genus		Zelkova	Xylosma	Ulmus	Ulmus	Ulmus	Tipuana	Syzygium	Syzygium	Stenocarpus	Sequoia	Schinus	Schinus	Sambucus	Robinia	Quercus	Quercus	Quercus	Quercus
canariensis	chinensis	australis	humilis	capitata	edulis	armata	cunninghamiana	Species		serrata	congestum	pumila	parvifolia	americana	tipu	paniculatum	australe	sinuatus	sempervirens	terebinthofolius	molle	canadensis	pseudoacacia	virginiana	suber	rubra	robur
Canary Island date palm	Chinese fountain palm	Australian cabbage palm	Mediterranean fan palm	Pindo palm	Guadalupe palm	Mexican blue palm	King palm	Common Name	Other Height Protected	Sawleaf zelkova	Shiny xylosma	Siberian elm	Chinese elm	American elm	Tipu tree	Australian bush cherry	Brush cherry	Firewheel tree	Coast redwood	Brazilian pepper tree	Peruvian pepper tree	American elderberry	Black locust	Southern live oak	Cork oak	Red oak	English oak
12'	10'	10'	8'	8.	8.	82	12'	Protection Size (Height)		12"	10"	16"	16"	16"	10"	10"	10"	10"	18"	18"	18"	12"	10"	10"	10"	10"	10"

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Queen palm  Windmill palm  California fan palm  Mexican fan palm
Queen palm Windmill palm California fan palm
Queen palm Windmill palm
Queen palm
Giant bird of paradise
Pygmy date palm
Senegal date palm
Date palm

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**SECTION 2.** The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution, and it shall thereupon be in full force and effect.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of May, 2020.

CITY OF POMONA:

Tim Sandova

Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Sonia Carvalho City Attorney ATTEST:

Rosalia A. Butler, MMC

City Clerk

I, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Pomona at a regular meeting thereof held on May 18, 2020 by the following vote of the Council:

AYES:

Garcia, Gonzalez, Lustro, Ontiveros-Cole, Preciado

NOES:

Torres

ABSTAIN:

Sandoval

ABSENT:

None

Rosalia A. Butler, MMC

City Clerk