

**EAST BELLEVUE COMMUNITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION  
OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON**

**Resolution No. 605**

**A RESOLUTION of the East Bellevue Community Council urging the  
Bellevue City Council to adopt ordinances to enhance the tree canopy  
of Bellevue starting with a Landmark Tree Ordinance.**

**WHEREAS**, on March 1 and April 5, 2022, the East Bellevue Community Council discussed the importance of trees in the City of Bellevue and that current regulations do not have protection for Landmark trees (more than 24" in diameter); and

**WHEREAS**, Landmark trees should require a permit before removal and should only be removed if the tree is a safety hazard or is unhealthy; and

**WHEREAS**, Landmark trees take many years to grow and if removed take decades to be replaced; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 8, 2021, Save Our Scale made a presentation to the EBCC requesting support for a change in the local tree code; and

**WHEREAS**, Trees4Livability, 300 Trees, and the YMCA Earth Service Corps presented at the EBCC's April 5, 2022, meeting about trees; and

**WHEREAS**, landmark trees have historical and cultural value and aesthetic benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, following the discussion held before the East Bellevue Community Council on May 3rd, 2022, the Community Council voted to approve Resolution 605;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Community Council of the East Bellevue Community Municipal Corporation of the City of Bellevue:

Section 1: Landmark Trees (trees greater than 24" in diameter) should have a permit before being removed which will only be granted if the tree is a safety hazard or is unhealthy.

Section 2: The Clerk is hereby directed to certify the original of this Resolution, to file the same and to keep the same on file in the Clerk's office.

Passed by a majority vote of the East Bellevue Community Council on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2022, and signed in authentication of its passage this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2022.

(Seal)



Attest:

  
Karin Roberts, Deputy City Clerk

  
Steve Kasner, Chair