

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: City Council President Ann Hill

SUBJECT:

REFERRAL TO PLANNING BOARD – INCLUSION OF QUERCUS HEMISPHAERICA – DARLINGTON OAK TO THE LIST OF PROTECTED TREES IN CITY CODE CHAPTER 12-6 TREE/LANDSCAPE REGULATIONS

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council refer to the Planning Board for review and recommendation, the inclusion of *Quercus hemisphaerica* – Darlington Oak to the list of protected trees in City Code Chapter 12-6 Tree/Landscape Regulations.

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

Currently, *Quercus hemisphaerica* – Darlington Oak, are not on the list of protected trees. It is estimated that nearly 90% of the trees protected within the city are actually *Quercus laurifolia* – Laurel Oak. In order to protect the majority of oaks within the city, the Darlington Oak would need to be added to the list of protected species.

PRIOR ACTION:

None

FUNDING:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

STAFF CONTACT:

Don Kraher, Council Executive

ATTACHMENTS:

None

PRESENTATION: No