



City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Memorandum

File #: 22-00903

Planning Board

9/13/2022

TO: Planning Board Members

FROM: Cynthia Cannon, Assistant Planning & Zoning Manager

DATE: 9/13/2022

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

BACKGROUND:

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