

ORDINANCE NO. 2495

AN ORDINANCE adding a new section to Chapter 18.31 of the Camas Municipal Code by adopting regulations requiring a tree survey and the retention of significant trees for specified land development proposals.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMAS DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section I

There is hereby added to Chapter 18.31 of the Camas Municipal Code a new section to provide as follows:

18.31.080 Tree Retention.

- A. A tree survey, conducted by a qualified biologist, shall be conducted for all lands proposed to be developed and listed under Section 18.31.020. A survey shall not be required for lands proposed to be retained as undeveloped open space. "Significant trees" shall mean evergreen trees eight inches in diameter or greater, as measured four feet above existing grade, and deciduous trees, other than red alder or cottonwood, twelve inches in diameter or greater, measured one foot above the root crown.
- B. To the extent practical, existing healthy significant trees shall be retained. Preservation of groups of significant trees rather than individual trees shall be preferred. All grading shall take place outside the drip line of those significant trees to be retained except that the city engineer may approve grading within the drip line if it can be demonstrated that such grading can occur without damaging the tree or trees.

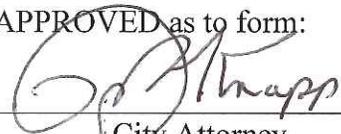
Section II

This ordinance shall take force and be in effect five (5) days from and after its publication according to law.

PASSED by the Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this 5th day of November, 2007.

SIGNED: 
Mayor

ATTEST: 
Clerk

APPROVED as to form:

City Attorney