ORDINANCE NO. 92

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, DESIGNATING AND PROMOTING THE PLANTING AND CULTIVATION OF A CITY FLOWER, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 87

WHEREAS, the City of University Place passed Ordinance No. 87 on March 18, 1996, designating a City of University Place flower and designating and promoting the planting and cultivation of the rhododendron in the City of University Place; and,

WHEREAS, the city recognized Hjalmar Larson as a renowned and internationally recognized hybridizer of rhododendrons who was the owner of Larson Nursery in University Place for many years;

WHEREAS, Billie and Ben Staab, members of the Tacoma Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society, gifted to the City of University Place a spectacular rhododendron which was named "University Place City";

WHEREAS, "University Place City" was developed by Mr. Fred Minch of Puyallup and is a spectacular, fragrant plant with medium green foliage, lavender-pink florets that gradually fade to pale lavender, with a purple-red flair and dark upper lobe;

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The City Council designates the Rhododendron as the Official Flower of the City of University Place.
- Section 2. The City Council and the Citizens recognize that the planting and cultivation of rhododendrons and other native vegetation enhances the quality of life in our community, and,
- Section 3. That each resident is encouraged to plant and cultivate the "University Place City" Rhododendron and other varieties of rhododendrons for the general beautification of our community and to enhance the quality of life.
 - Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective five days after its publication.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL MAY 20, 1996.

Ronald L. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Matthew, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Timothy X. Sullivan, City Attorney

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