RESOLUTION NO. 284

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO THE URBAN FORESTRY PROGRAM AND THE DESIGNATION OF A TREE DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE OPERATIONS DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, the City of University Place believes trees are a valuable resource and continued focus on maintenance and replacement is essential for the longevity of the resource; and

WHEREAS, the City of University Place supports a tree planting and replacement schedule on park and City-owned properties, recognizing the benefits of trees and the promotion of the care and replacement of trees in the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of University Place observes Arbor Day in conjunction with Earth Day activities in which tree planting are done throughout the year with individuals and groups in the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of University Place has within its organization an Operations Division which is the administrative responsibility of the Public Works Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, one of the goals and objectives of the Operations Division is to promote consolidated and efficient care of the urban forest in the City of University Place; and

WHEREAS, the City of University Place is committed to funding for tree maintenance within the existing operating budget; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. <u>Public Works Operations Division as Tree Department.</u> The City of University Place hereby designates its Public Works Operations Division as the "Tree Department" for planning and management of the Urban Forestry Program, as it relates to City property.

Section 2. <u>Effective Date.</u> This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2000.

ATTEST:

Susan Matthew, City Clerk