

ORDINANCE NO. 87

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE,
WASHINGTON, DESIGNATING AND PROMOTING THE PLANTING
AND CULTIVATION OF A CITY FLOWER**

WHEREAS Native vegetation, including flowering plants is an important ingredient to promoting the quality of life in University Place, and

WHEREAS The University Place Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Zoning Ordinance promote the use and protection of vegetation native and common to the Puget Sound region (Ch. 19.35.030.A.5, UPMC), and

WHEREAS The rhododendron is a native plant found in quantities throughout the Puget Sound region, and

WHEREAS The rhododendron adds beauty to University Place and enhances the quality of life in our community.

WHEREAS Hjalmar Larson, a renowned hybridizer of rhododendrons, for many years and owner of Larson Nursery in University Place, developed numerous rhododendron hybrid plants, including a special unnamed hybrid plant designated Larson's No. E-22, and

WHEREAS Billie and Ben Staab, members of the Tacoma Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society, have preserved Rhododendron Larson's No. E-22 and have named it "The City of University Place" and

WHEREAS "The City of University Place" Rhododendron is a spectacular plant, with a white flower with a maroon flair.

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

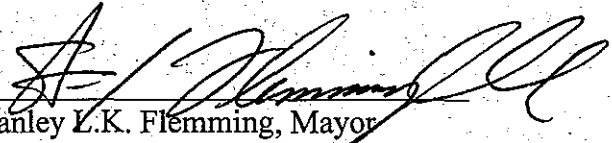
Section 1. The City Council designate "The City of University Place" Rhododendron as the Official Flower of the City of University Place.

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 "The City of University Place" Rhododendron and other varieties of rhododendrons for the general beautification of our community and to enhance the quality of life.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective five days after its publication.

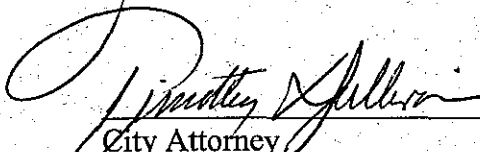
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL MARCH 18, 1996.


Stanley L.K. Flemming, Mayor

ATTEST:


Susan Matthew, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM


City Attorney

Publication Date: March 20, 1996
Effective Date: March 25, 1996