

## *Seward Historic Plant & Tree Register*

### **What is the Seward Historic Plant & Tree Register?**

The Seward Historic Plant & Tree Register was established by Seward City Council Ordinance No. 07-006 to increase public awareness of Seward's locally significant plants and trees. This program promotes community appreciation of natural and cultural resources, and encourages the preservation of these assets. In addition, the research and documentation that result from completing the local register application provides a valuable historic resource. **Please note, there is nothing regulatory about being listed on the Seward Historic Plant and Tree Register. Placement on the register does not place any restrictions or limitations on a property.**

Historic plants and trees are those individual and groups of plants that have been designated as significant on the basis of their importance to Seward's history. They need not be found within the Seward city limits, but must be located between Caines Head in Resurrection Bay and the head of Kenai Lake. Plants may be acknowledged due to their inclusion in a landscape, or association with a significant event or person. A noteworthy plant may be identified as a specimen, historic, landmark, collection or commemorative. For a plant or tree to be considered for inclusion to the Seward Historic Plant & Tree Register, it must satisfy at least one of the following criteria:

- A. The plant or tree is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern of Seward history.
- B. The plant or tree is associated with the life of a person or group of historic significance.
- C. The plant or tree represents a significant and distinguishable entity within a community or location.
- D. The plant or tree has age, size, or species significance that contributes to its heritage status.

To nominate a tree or plant, complete the attached application form. The applicant need not be the owner of the property where the plant is located. Once the application has been submitted, it will be forwarded to the Seward Historic Preservation Commission. For assistance, contact the City of Seward's Community Development office, 907-224-4048.

Complete application forms may be sent to:

City of Seward  
Community Library Museum  
P.O. Box 2389  
Seward, AK 99664

**CITY OF SEWARD  
HISTORIC PLANT & TREE REGISTER APPLICATION**

Prior to completing this form, please review the Seward Historic Plant & Tree Register eligibility criteria listed on the application cover sheet.

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**1. Name of Plant/Tree**

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Scientific name \_\_\_\_\_

Commonly used name \_\_\_\_\_

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**2. Location** (submit site map of location)

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Street address \_\_\_\_\_

Directions to Plant/Tree \_\_\_\_\_

Legal description \_\_\_\_\_

Kenai Peninsula Borough tax parcel number \_\_\_\_\_

GPS Location \_\_\_\_\_

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**3. Ownership and Protection Status**

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Present Owner of property where plant/tree is located \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Does the present owner support the nomination of this plant? If so, submit a letter of support from the owner. If not, please explain.

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Check the current protection measures in place at time of nomination. Submit documentation if applicable.

For Trees on PUBLIC property		For Trees on PRIVATE property	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Land Rules and Regulations	<input type="checkbox"/>	Deed restriction
<input type="checkbox"/>	DOT highway	<input type="checkbox"/>	None
<input type="checkbox"/>	None	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (describe)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (describe)	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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**4. Category of Plant/Tree**  
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- specimen
- historic
- landmark
- collection
- commemorative

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**5. Description of Plant/Tree**  
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Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date planted (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Circumference \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_

Crown \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

Health and Condition \_\_\_\_\_

Has this plant been transplanted?  Yes  No If yes, explain.

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**6. Significance**  
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**Seward Historic Plant/Tree Register Criteria** (Check one or more of the criteria qualifying the plant/tree for inclusion in the Seward Historic Plant Register)

- A. The plant/tree (or group of plants) is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern of Seward's history.

- \_\_\_\_\_ B. The plant/tree (or group of plants) is associated with the life of a person or group of historic significance.
- \_\_\_\_\_ C. The plant/tree (or group of plants) represents a significant and distinguishable entity within Seward's community or location.
- \_\_\_\_\_ D. The plant/tree (or group of plants) has an age, size, or species significance that contributes to its heritage status.

**Narrative Statement of Significance** Explain the historical significance of the plant/tree on one or more continuation sheets.

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**7. If approved, may the plant/tree be placed on the Historic Walking Tour?** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No  
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**8. Major Bibliographical References** Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.  
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**9. Form Prepared By**  
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 Name/title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

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**11. Photographs & Supporting Documentation**  
 Attach current and historic photographs (maximum of five). All photographs must be identified and dated. Press releases and articles may also be submitted.  
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**12. Submit application to:** City of Seward  
 Library/Museum  
 PO Box 167  
 Seward, AK 99664

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