

Ordinance No. 00195

[\(Council Minutes 99/02/01\)](#)

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AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, adopting the Camellia as the Official Flower of the City of Lakewood

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood, even as a relatively new city in the State of Washington, has a great wealth of diverse, concerned and interested citizens, with the concerns and interests focusing on community out-reach, beautification and development of a sense of community; and,

WHEREAS, stemming from efforts to build a community identity, and to show pride in the new City of Lakewood, commercial businesses have sought to "identify" Lakewood through the use of "blue lights" during the holiday season and through banners and other civic and community events and activities, and,

WHEREAS, further efforts to build community pride have been made through the Keep Lakewood Beautiful Committee, and through Adopt-a-Street programs; and,

WHEREAS, as a continuation of the efforts to distinguish the City of Lakewood and to build community pride, it has been suggested by members of the Keep Lakewood Beautiful Committee that the City Council select an official flower for the City; and,

WHEREAS, in order to make a selection of such official flower, the City sought suggestions from citizens and the predominant suggestion was the Camellia; and,

WHEREAS, the Camellia makes a fitting selection for the Official Flower for the City of Lakewood because it has adapted favorably to the Lakewood climate and geography, because it reflects a tie to Asia from which it was originally introduced, and because its colorful shades can be seen and appreciated in Lakewood through its relatively long blooming season of February through May.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN as Follows:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby adopts and designates the Camellia as the Official Flower of the City of Lakewood.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after publication of the Ordinance Summary.

ADOPTED by the City Council this 1st day of February, 1999.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

Bill Harrison, Mayor

Attest:

Alice M. Bush, CMC, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Daniel B. Heid, City Attorney

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