



Landmark Tree Designations

Arborist Recommendations/City Council
Follow Up



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Current Landmark Tree Registry



- Established in the 1990s with total of 9 landmark trees and 2 landmark groves
- In 2022, first application to add to the Landmark Tree Registry in 23 years
 - Interior live oak on CAISO Property
 - Aggregate trunk diameter of 101 inches!

What is a Landmark Tree?

FMC Chapter 12.16.170



Designated by City Council

- ✓ Historical value
- ✓ Outstanding habitat
- ✓ Unusual species
- ✓ Superior beauty

The Landmark Tree Program

- Recognize ecological benefits
- City Identity – “Distinctive by *Nature*”
- Assessment and maintenance assistance from the city arborist using Tree Planting and Replacement Fund
- Any request for removal requires declassification by the City Council



Application Process – Two Options

Owner submission of an application and \$280 fee

OR

The City Council may on its own motion and without the payment of the application fee, commence the process of designating a landmark tree



Considerations

1. Owner Consent – FMC requires written property owner notification 30 days prior to hearing and owner written confirmation of support
2. Necessary Findings - Is the tree(s) *truly exceptional*?
 - ✓ Historical Value
 - ✓ Outstanding habitat value
 - ✓ Unusual species
 - ✓ Superior beauty
3. Financial Impact for the City
 - Application fees waived
 - Maintenance costs (individual trees vs groves)
 - Staff time and resources



Landmark Tree Candidates

Updates from the October 11, 2022 CC Meeting



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- Valley Oak located at 710 Sibley Street
- Trunk diameter of 41.5”
- Qualifying Attributes for “Landmark” Status:
 - ✓ Historical Value
 - ✓ Superior Beauty

Candidate #1 – *The Grover Tree*



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- Interior Live Oak located at 192 Blue Ravine Rd
- Trunk diameter of 53”
- Qualifying Attributes for “Landmark” Status:
 - ✓ Historical Value
 - ✓ Superior Beauty

Candidate #2 – *The Dermatology Tree*



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Considerations

1. Owner consent

Owners of both candidates have granted permission to the City to exercise execution of FMC 12.16.170(A)(1) to commence Landmark Tree designations

2. Applicable Findings

- ✓ Historical Value
- ✓ Outstanding Habitat
- ✓ Superior Beauty

3. Financial Impact for the City

- One time \$280 application fee waived
- Staff time (annual inspection by City Arborist at owner request)
- Maintenance when deemed necessary by the City Arborist (anticipated 3 to 7 year intervals) pruning and mulching

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt:

- Resolution 10996 – A Resolution Establishing a Landmark Tree Designation for a Valley Oak Tree in the Front Yard of 710 Sibley Street; and
- Resolution No. 10997 – A Resolution Establishing a Landmark Tree Designation for an Interior Live Oak Tree in Front of the Dermatology Center of Northern California at 192 Blue Ravine Road.