Napa's Tree Heritage

There is probably nothing in our urban environment that reminds us more of our natural heritage than the trees growing around our homes, offices, streets, and parks. These trees are more than a backdrop to our busy lives. They remind us of important events in the history of our city, neighborhood, and family. The loss of an old tree may be like the loss of an old friend. It is proper to raise our children with appreciation of their natural world, as trees continue to disappear.

‘Help us to remain linked to the past by providing inspiration for the future.’

THE CITY OF NAPA TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION
What is a Significant Tree?

A Significant Tree is a prominent tree that is of special importance to the community of Napa and is in at least one of the following categories:

- Historic significance associated with a person, place, or event.
- Rare or unique horticultural specimen
- High public visibility
- Extraordinary beauty due to symmetry, form, color, or other special qualities.
- In an ecosystem especially valuable for natural habitat.
- A tree native to the Napa Valley.

Why Recognize Significant Trees?

Why would a landowner want to recognize a tree via this proclamation?

By this recognition, landowners may take pride in 'Napa’s Tree Heritage' by preserving trees that inspire, offer beauty, act as screens, provide cooling shade and wildlife habitat, increase property value, enhance community prestige, reduce pollution, and grow a bit of history for future generations.

How a Tree Becomes Registered

The significant tree nomination form must first be submitted in order for a tree to be nominated. The tree is then considered for such status by the Napa City Council. Once designated, a significant tree is recorded on the property deed.

A Significant Tree can only be removed if a permit is obtained from the Tree Advisory Commission.

A permit can only be acquired if the tree meets certain criteria as outlined in the Napa Municipal Code, such as hazard or impedance of any permitted use of property.
APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION OF SIGNIFICANT TREE
Pursuant to City of Napa Municipal Code 12.45.030

Name of Applicant_________________________________________ Phone ____________

Mailing Address___________________________________________

Site address if different __________________________________________

Location and type of tree(s) on property (attach sketch/map if necessary)

☐ Tree # 1- Location_________________________ Tree Type_________________________

☐ Tree # 2- Location_________________________ Tree Type_________________________

☐ Tree # 3- Location_________________________ Tree Type_________________________

☐ Grove of Trees- Location_______________ Tree Types_________________________

Reason for recognizing this tree(s)__________________________________________

I understand that only the property owner can nominate a tree for significant tree status, and if approved this tree is protected by the municipal code. By signing below I acknowledge that I understand theses conditions.

Signature of Applicant_________________________________________ Date________________

Once this application is processed you will be contacted by the Parks Superintendent who will set up a site visit and give you detailed information on steps and timeline for the nomination process. If you have any questions regard this process you can contact our office at (707) 257-9529