



**City of Venice
Planning and Zoning Department
Memorandum**

TO: Ed Lavallee, City Manager

THROUGH: Jeff Shrum, Development Services Director

FROM: Jim Yelverton, City Arborist

DATE: November 5, 2020

COUNCIL APPROVAL: Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL: Other

SUBJECT: Venetian Tree Nomination (Gentrup)

Background: Venetian trees are native or non-native trees designated by City Council as having “*significance, desirability, or utility to the community.*” Trees on private property are nominated by the property owner where the tree is located and consented to by all property owners where the canopy overhangs. Trees designated by City Council as Venetian trees will be afforded protections regarding removal and certain pruning practices. Incentives for Venetian tree designation include the following:

- an annual consultation by the city arborist for the management and maintenance of the tree;
- provided funds are available, up to a \$250 grant to assist with the maintenance of the tree;
- possible waiver of pruning permit fees; and
- an information plaque placed on public property and on private property if desired by the owner.

Nominated tree: 1306 – 1308 Laurel Avenue in the East Gate Neighborhood

Live Oak (*Quercus virginiana*)

44” diameter trunk

48’ height

43’ average crown spread

Ms. Samantha Gentrup, property owner of 1308 Laurel Avenue, has nominated the subject tree. The tree is a large Live Oak with a sturdy trunk and a crown nearly as wide as it is tall. It is located on the common property line between and in front of the homes of Ms. Gentrup and Ms. Sarah T. Franz, 1306 Laurel Avenue who has agreed to the nomination. The health and condition of the tree are excellent. The tree location is slightly crowded by the homes but there is still adequate space for crown growth and an ample root system. The tree structure is good

with only a few minor defects. Staff considers the tree to be a good candidate for preservation.

Requested action: We respectfully request designation of the subject tree as a Venetian tree.

City Attorney Review/ Approved: N/A

Risk Management Review: N/A

Finance Department Review/ Approval: N/A

Funds Availability (account number): N/A

Original(s) Attached: N/A

Cc: Jeff Shrum, Roger Clark