



**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:** May 26, 2021

**COUNCIL APPROVAL:** Yes

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:** Other

**SUBJECT:** Venetian Tree Nomination (Feinsod)

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**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(s);
- provided funds are available, up to a \$250 grant to assist with the maintenance of the tree(s);
- 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(s):** 1115 – 1109 Ketch Lane; 7 Live Oaks (*Quercus virginiana*)

A cluster of seven (7) large Live Oaks ranging in size from 23” diameter to 38” diameter with an expansive and continuous canopy.

Mr. Ron Feinsod, property owner of 1115 Ketch Lane, has nominated the subject trees. The trees are clustered together behind and between the homes of Mr. Feinsod and Mr. Mark Walworth, 1109 Ketch Lane, who has agreed to the nomination. The health and condition of the trees are good. The trees are crowded slightly but there is still adequate space for crown growth and an ample root system. The tree’s structure is good with only a few defects. Staff considers the trees to be good candidates for preservation.

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

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