

Qualifications for Landmark Trees

Any person who owns property in Lafayette may apply to the City Forester in order to designate a tree on that property as a “landmark tree.” In order for the City Forester to designate a tree as a “landmark tree,” the tree must meet one of the following criteria:

1. The tree must be at least 30 years old.
2. The tree must have a circumference of ten feet or more when measured three feet above its base.
3. The City Forester must determine that the tree is rare or is associated with an historical event.



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Lafayette was one of the first cities in Colorado to become a “Tree City” and recognizes the importance of trees. Lafayette supports the preservation of trees through its Landmark Tree Program. This program allows landowners in Lafayette to designate certain trees as landmark trees.

- A landowner must apply, in writing, in order to designate a landmark tree.
- If the tree meets the criteria, the City Forester will designate the tree as a landmark tree.
- The City Forester will mail applicants proof of such landmark status.

Rules

The landowner has these responsibilities:

1. The landowner must record the designation with the Boulder County Clerk and Recorder. The designation of the tree as a landmark tree will, thereafter, be a covenant that runs with the land. Thus, all future owners of the property on which the tree sits will obtain the property with the responsibilities that are associated with having a landmark tree.

2. No person may remove or alter the location of the landmark tree without first obtaining a permit, free of charge, from the City Forester. The City Forester shall issue a permit if:
 - a. the tree is diseased or poses a threat to other trees, persons or property;
 - b. removal is necessary to protect the safety and welfare of citizens or their property; or,
 - c. the property owner agrees to plant a replacement tree on his or her property or on City property, or the owner agrees to make a donation to the tree fund equal to the cost of the replacement tree that would be required by this section. A replacement tree must have a circumference equal to at least one-tenth the circumference of the landmark tree removed. However, an owner would not have to plant a tree with a circumference greater than a 4-inch caliper measured 6 inches above the ground.
3. A property owner that removes a tree without a permit would have to pay the cost of the replacement tree to the City of Lafayette’s tree fund.



Application Process

Although the Landmark Tree Program is voluntary, you must fill out an application. Applications are available through the Lafayette Parks, Open Space & Golf Department. For more information or to request an application, please see the contact information below.

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*Thank you for
preserving our
urban forest!*

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