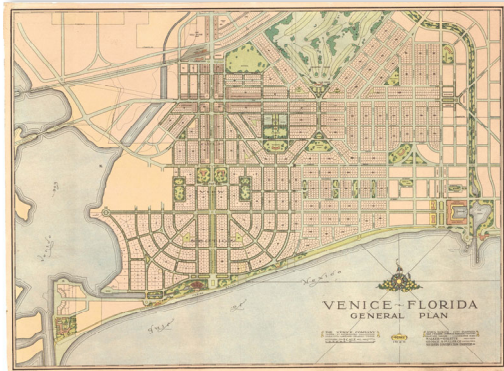


Why do we protect trees?

The City of Venice has long recognized the importance of trees and green space within the Community. The preservation of trees and native plant communities sustains and



enhances the overall quality of life, health and economic development of a Community.

Tree conservation provides positive impacts toward local climate, stormwater runoff, wind buffering, air quality, wildlife habitat and property values.

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**City of Venice
Code of Ordinances**
*Chapter 118
Tree Preservation, Protection
& Replacement*



A Homeowner's Guide to the City of Venice Tree Ordinance



CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA
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Transition from Sarasota County to the City of Venice Tree Ordinance

- The City of Venice is amending the City Code of Ordinances to replace Chapter 118 with a new Chapter 118, Tree Preservation, Protection, and Replacement.
- The City assumes responsibility from Sarasota County for tree protection and tree permits on January 1, 2020.
- Sarasota County Environmental Services will continue to issue permits and authorizations until that date.
- All tree permit applications and authorizations under review or issued by Sarasota County as of the effective date of the City of Venice tree ordinance shall remain under the jurisdiction of Sarasota County.
- Any applicant with a tree permit or authorization from Sarasota County may choose to withdraw the issued permit or authorization in writing to Sarasota County and apply to the City of Venice for a tree permit.

Please Note: Refer to *City of Venice Land Development Regulations, Chapter 118, Tree Preservation, Protection & Replacement* for complete tree permit requirements, exemptions and definitions.

Trees being proposed for protection

- **Protected Trees** are any native tree that measures four (4) inches diameter and larger measured fifty-four (54) inches above grade (DBH); and Sabal Palms with 6 feet of clear trunk; and trees planted as part of a development project installed in accordance with an approved Site Plan.
- **Heritage Trees** are native trees that measure thirty (30) inches in diameter and larger measured fifty-four (54) inches above grade (DBH) or a multi-trunk native tree where the sum of the individual trunk diameters combines to equal forty-five (45) inches or greater measured at DBH.
- **Venetian Trees** are native and non-native trees designated by Venice City Council as having significance,



Single Family Zoned Lots

Single Family Zoned Lots of 1/2 acre or less are exempt from Chapter 118, the tree Code except for the following:

- **Removal of Heritage Trees, Venetian Trees, and Canopy Road Trees** requires a tree removal permit.
- **Pruning a branch that is 10 inches in diameter and larger measured 12 inches from the branch union from a Heritage or Venetian Tree** requires a permit.
- **Pruning a branch that is 2 inches in diameter and larger within a Canopy Road Zone** requires a permit and must be supervised by a Certified Arborist.

General Information

To find an *ISA Certified Arborist*:

- www.treesarecool.com

To contact *Sarasota County Environmental Services*:

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- (941)861-5000