

Town of Yountville Resolution Number 24-4320

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YOUNTVILLE APPROVING THE REMOVAL OF A HERITAGE OAK TREE LOCATED IN THE TOWN RIGHT OF WAY IN FRONT OF 1901 FINNELL ROAD PER THE TOWN ARBORIST'S INSPECTION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR HEALTH, LIFE SAFETY REASONS, AND A REQUIREMENT FOR EQUIVALENT REPLACEMENT TREES TO BE PLANTED ON TOWN-OWNED RIGHT OF WAY OR PROPERTY.

Recitals

- A. There is a Valley Oak Street Tree located in front of 1901 Finnell Road that is on the Town's Heritage Tree Survey Report as Tree No. 132 that shows signs of distress, age and failing branches.
- B. The Town Arborist Tony Wolcott, under the On-Call Arborist Contract performed a site visit, inspection of the tree and a written report documenting his findings and recommendations.
- C. The Town Arborist concludes that Heritage Tree number 132 should be removed for life, health, and safety reasons due to failure targets being pedestrians, vehicles, and public/private property.
- D. Pursuant to Town of Yountville Municipal Code (YMC) 17.128.060 A.2; The Town Council shall grant or deny a permit for tree removal for heritage trees and native oak protected trees.
- E. The removal is based on the following finding in YMC 17.128.060 B.1; The condition of the tree with respect to its health presents an imminent danger of falling or failure and constitutes a likely hazard to safety due to the proximity of existing structures or interference with public infrastructure or utilities.
- F. Pursuant to YMC 17.128.070 A.1; Since it is not possible to replace a large, older tree with a single equivalent tree, the following tree canopy replacement ratio shall apply: the replacement shall be calculated on an inch-by-inch replacement of the removed tree. For this tree, the removal diameter is 47.5 inches which shall necessitate the planting of eight six-inch diameter trees with the minimum size for a replacement of a heritage tree or a native oak shall be 24-inch box.
- G. Town public works staff will work with the Town Arborist to determine the optimal locations on Town-owned right of way and property for the planting of the replacement trees.

Now, therefore, the Town Council of the Town of Yountville does resolve as follows:

- 1. Approve the removal of Heritage Oak Tree No. 132 located in the Town right of way in front of 1901 Finnell Road per the Town Arborist's inspection and recommendation for health, life safety reasons

2. Requires equivalent replacement trees to be planted on Town-owned right of way or property in the ratio and locations described above.
3. The Resolution is hereby adopted and becomes effective and in full force immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Yountville, State of California, held on this 19th day of November 2024 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Margie Mohler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Hilary Gaede, Communications Director/ Town Clerk