

# Urban Forestry Council Landmark Tree Evaluation Form and Criteria

Pursuant to Ordinance 0017-06 and Public Works Code Section 810, the UFC has developed these criteria for evaluating potential landmark trees in San Francisco. When evaluating or considering potential landmark trees, please consider the context of the tree within its site location. For example, a tree on PUC land may not have the same community importance that a street or park tree would. Use comment sections, as appropriate, to explain or support evaluation. Attach sheets if more space is needed.

Evaluator's name: Megan Sutherland

Date of evaluation: 04/25/11

Scientific name: Prunus spp

Common name: Wild Cherry

Street address: 864 Francisco St

Cross streets: Hyde St and Leavenworth St

**Rarity**    Yes    Partially    No

**Rarity:**    Rare    Uncommon    Common    Other

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

**Physical Attributes**    Yes    Partially    No

**Size:**    Large    Medium    Small

Notable size compared to other trees of the same species in San Francisco.

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:**    Yes    No

Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

**Distinguished form:**    Yes    No

Tree is an example of good form for its species, has a majestic quality or otherwise unique structure.

Describe: Multi-stem trunk with stems that gracefully weave around eachother.

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**Tree condition:**  Good  Poor  Hazard

Consider overall tree health and structure, and whether or not tree poses a hazard

Describe: Overall health is fair to good. Some rot and decay are present in the stems. The stems that weave in and out of each other while aesthetically beautiful, can lead to structural instability and ultimately shorten the life span of the tree.

**Historical**  Yes  Partially  No

**Historical Association:**  Yes  None apparent

Related to a historic or cultural building, site, street, person, event, etc.

Describe nature of appreciation: The tree is next to a home designed in 1912.

**Profiled in a publication or other media:**  Yes  Unknown

Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. **Attach documentation** if appropriate.

Describe coverage: Owner indicated that the tree was listed in a Sunset Magazine article in their application, however, not copy was submitted and I was unable to verify through archive searches.

**Environmental**  Yes  Partially  No

**Prominent landscape feature:**  Yes  No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

**Low tree density:**  Low  Moderate  High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

**Interdependent group of trees:**  Yes  No

This tree in an integral member of a group of trees and removing it may have an adverse impact on adjacent trees.

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

**Visible or Accessible from public right-of-way:**  Yes  No

High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.

Describe: Visible from public property/walkway. However, set back from the street a ways and not highly visible. Not accessible to the public.

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**High traffic area:**  Yes  No

Tree is located in an area that has a high volume of vehicle, pedestrian or bike traffic and has a potential traffic calming effect.

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

**Important wildlife habitat:**  Yes  No

Species has a known relationship with a particular local wildlife species or it provides food, shelter, or nesting to specific known wildlife individuals.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Erosion control:**  Yes  No

Tree prevents soil erosion.

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Wind or sound barrier:**  Yes  No

Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Describe: House and tree are near hilltop. Partial wind block for winds from NE.

\_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural**  Yes  Partially  No

**Neighborhood appreciation:**  Yes  None apparent

Multiple indicators such as letters of support, petition, outdoor gatherings, celebrations adjacent or related to tree, etc. Attach documentation:

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural appreciation:**  Yes  None apparent

Particular value to certain cultural or ethnic groups in the city.

Describe nature of appreciation: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Planting contributes to neighborhood character:**  Yes  No

Tree contributes significantly to, or represents, neighborhood aesthetic.

Describe contribution: \_\_\_\_\_

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