



### **Criteria Guidelines for Chattanooga Notable Trees**

The City of Chattanooga Tree Commission (CTC) recognizes that individual trees may be considered important community resources because of unique or noteworthy characteristics or values. Such trees may be singled out for special recognition. Trees so designated by the CTC shall be herein referred to as Chattanooga Notable Trees. The criteria as stated in the Landmark Tree designation by the Tennessee Urban Forestry Council shall be the criteria guidelines used.

**A Notable Tree must be commonly recognized as an established and familiar feature of the community, confirmed as a significant part of the community's heritage, or planted to commemorate special events or community leaders.**

**Hazardous Trees** - A candidate tree shall be disqualified if the tree is determined by the City Forester to be a hazardous tree. The guidelines set forth by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) for hazard tree evaluation may be the criteria used, however the City Forester shall make the final determination to assure public safety. In the event a designated Chattanooga Notable Tree is somehow damaged or altered so the City Forester determines the tree to be a hazard, the tree shall be removed from the published list of Notable Trees. All other city codes relating to public safety shall be enforced.