



Trees Forever Plaque Guidelines

Purchased and Placed by Donors within Wilmington City Limits

The City of Wilmington is allowing Trees Forever donors, family members, and friends to purchase and place a single plaque with wording of their choosing beneath their donated tree. This may be done as soon as mulch is placed around the tree—which may be a few days after the tree is planted. Only one plaque per tree. Plaques may be purchased from local trophy shops, monument companies or from sites online. If you choose to take advantage of this opportunity, the plaque must conform to the following specifications:

- Plaques must be made of materials which will withstand the elements. (Ex: stone, brick, concrete, bronze, aluminum, etc.)
- Plaques must be buried slightly, to be level with the surrounding dirt.
- Plaques must be placed within the tree's dirt circle, but not be placed immediately next to the tree's trunk. Plaques must not be placed in the grass.
- Rectangular plaques must not exceed 4" x 6" and must not exceed a thickness of 2".
- Circular plaques must not exceed a diameter of 6" and must not exceed a thickness of 2".
- Wording must be appropriate for a memorial tree or for one planted in honor of a person, pet or occasion.

Some suggestions are:

“This live oak tree was planted on January 31, 2021 in loving memory of Grandpa Jones”

“Planted on 1/31/21 to honor John Doe”

“In honor of Mom and Dad's 50th Anniversary 1/31/20”

“Remembering Snickerdoodle—she loved walking in this park”

Neither the City nor the Alliance for Cape Fear Trees will participate in the purchase or actual placement of the plaque. The City and the Alliance will bear no responsibility in case of damage or theft of the plaque. The City's Urban Forestry staff, in their sole judgment, reserve the right to remove any plaque which is inappropriate, or becomes unsightly, defaced or unreadable over time.

If you have any questions, please contact us via email at allianceforcapefeartrees@gmail.com.