

**FORM 5-1: MAUI COUNTY ARBORIST COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR EXCEPTIONAL TREE CONSIDERATION**

TO: (Owner of tree considered for  
Exceptional Tree status)

From: Maui County Arborist Committee Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

The Maui County Arborist Committee is considering a tree\*, a stand, or grove of trees that is presently growing on a parcel of your land (TMK \_\_\_\_\_) for designation as an Exceptional Tree(s) pursuant to the Exceptional Tree Law (HRS 58 - 1 through 5).

Chapter 58, HRS (see page 207) was enacted in 1975. It provides for the protection of trees designated exceptional by the Arborist Committee from destruction due to land development or abusive activities. A tree or grove of trees may be deemed exceptional by reason of historic or cultural value, age, rarity, location, size, esthetic quality, endemic status, or representing an important community resource. A tree so designated will receive special County review prior to any action that may destroy it or negatively impact its health and vigor.

For your consideration, we are including a copy of Chapter 5, "Exceptional Tree Program", of the Maui County Planting Plan. In it, you will find responsibilities of Exceptional Tree owners as well as information on a State Tax deduction for expenses incurred in the maintenance of each Exceptional Tree. Once a tree(s) is declared Exceptional, only the County Council can remove it from that list.

We are seeking your approval to designate this tree(s) as Exceptional. Please respond by completing the enclosed form. If you have any questions, please write to us at:  
Maui County Arborist Committee; 700 Halia Nakoia Street, Unit 2A, Wailuku, HI 96793.

Sincerely,

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Maui County Arborist Committee Chair

Enclosures: HRS, Chapter 58, Chapter 5 of the Maui County Planting Plan, Acceptance Form for Exceptional Tree Status.

\*Description of Tree, Stand, or Grove of Trees here: