

NOTICE REGARDING OAK WILT IN CENTRAL TEXAS

**ADDENDUM TO EARNEST MONEY CONTRACT BETWEEN THE UNDERSIGNED
PARTIES CONCERNING THE PROPERTY AT:**

THERE MAY BE OAK WILT ON THE PROPERTY THAT YOU ARE ABOUT TO PURCHASE

OAK WILT is one of the most destructive tree diseases in the United States. The disease has killed more than 1 million trees in Central Texas. Oak wilt is caused by the fungus *Ceratocystis fagacearum*. The spores of the fungus invade and clog the tree's water conducting system, call xylem.

Oak wilt has been found in over 60 counties and in almost every city in Central Texas. It can be a problem wherever live oaks tend to be the predominate tree. It does not matter whether they are transplanted or naturally grown. An individual tree's age, size or previous health status does not make it more or less likely to contract or die from oak wilt.

Live Oaks die in the greatest numbers, most often in expanding areas called Oak Wilt Centers. Red Oaks are the most susceptible. They typically die within 2-4 weeks of symptom appearance. Common red oaks are Spanish, Texas, Shumard, Pin, and Blackjack. White oaks are least susceptible. Very few have been identified with oak wilt in Texas. They generally survive for a number of years with the disease. Common White Oaks – Post, Bur, Chinkapin, Monterrey.

OUR EXPERTISE:

- We cannot make representations or guarantees because we are not trained in identifying the condition of trees and their diseases and have no expertise in the area of plant diseases.

THEREFORE, WE RECOMMEND:

- That you take whatever other measure you feel is necessary to satisfy yourself about the condition of the property and its surroundings.
- That you accompany the inspectors and other experts during their inspections and ask any questions you have about the property.

Other Information: If you are concerned or desire additional information, you may call your County Agricultural Extension Service, or if you have access to the internet, go to <http://www.texasoakwilt.org/>

Robert B. Arday
Seller _____ Date _____

Nancy C. Paddle 3/28/17
Seller _____ Date _____

Alvin Hubert 4-9-18
Listing Agent _____ Date _____

Buyer _____ Date _____

Buyer _____ Date _____

Buyer's Agent _____ Date _____