

Tamarron Homeowners' Association, Inc.

Tree Removal / Trimming Policy

PURPOSE

To describe the policy and procedure concerning removal of dead or dangerous trees.

POLICY

It is the policy of Tamarron Homeowners' Association to pay to have diseased, damaged or dead trees removed from the Vista, Village and common property if the tree is a hazard and proper approval is received.

PROCEDURE

1. If an individual homeowner voices a concern to the Board or the management company in regards to what he or she (the homeowner) considers an unsafe tree condition, the management company or a board committee will evaluate the tree to see if there is an obvious problem. Please note that Architectural Control Committee members are **not arborists**—their decisions are based on their best judgment as volunteer members of the Architectural Control Committee.
2. If the homeowner does not agree with the decision of the Architectural Control Committee, it is the homeowner's right to appeal, in writing, to the HOA Board. The homeowner may, at their expense, solicit the opinion of an arborist.
3. If the homeowner still wishes to remove a tree that the arborist finds healthy, the homeowner will assume responsibility for the entire cost of removing the healthy tree and stump.
4. If an individual homeowner wants to have a tree removed because the homeowner does not like a tree in a particular area or does not like the leaves from the tree falling onto his pad, the homeowner will assume responsibility for removing the tree.
5. If it is determined that a tree should be removed, wherever possible, the tree will be dropped into the wooded area and left alone.
6. Generally the tree stumps will be removed to below grade. If the stump can remain in or at the edge of the wooded area it should remain.
7. Replacement of any tree that has been determined to be unsafe will be the responsibility of the homeowner.

TREE TRIMMING

The Association will be responsible for trimming and balancing¹ trees in the Village and all public street trees as required for the health and safety of the trees and the safety of the homes, pedestrians and vehicles.

Street tree trimming will remove branches from the main trunk up to a minimum of eight (8) feet above the closest sidewalk.

Regardless of the responsibility, no tree shall be topped.²

¹Balancing—to shape a tree which might lean or fall over due to too much growth on any one side. Removal of lower limbs to a plane perpendicular to the trunk.

²Topped—removal of top limbs, sawed off, often reduced to stubs. Topped trees will not grow back in an attractive, natural fashion.