

SIGE COMMON AREA TREE MAINTENANCE POLICY

The purpose of this document is to spell out the policies of the Association Board of Directors regarding how common area trees will be maintained.

1. The trees in the common areas are assets of the Home owner's Association. A review periodically by a professional arborist will be conducted to evaluate the Associations trees condition and advice on maintaining the health of our trees.

2. No trees will be topped. Topping trees damages them because it takes away much of the leaf bearing crown which results in temporary starving the tree and allowing it to be sunburned. When trees are topped they send out rapid growth shoots below the cuts which further debilitate the tree. In addition these shoots are relatively weak and can become hazardous.

3. Every year in the December\January time frame all common area trees will be examined and considered for trimming. Trimming will be done at this time because the tree sap stops running and they become somewhat dormant. Actions to lightly trim, moderately trim, or heavily trim each common area tree will be decided and acted upon at that time.

4. In those few situations where a tree causes one or more homeowners to complain that a tree is blocking their view and they would prefer to have the tree removed, the following process will be followed:

A. If the tree is small (less than 10 feet tall) and all affected homeowners and the Maintenance Committee agree (in writing) that there is an obvious problem, the tree will be removed and replaced with a suitable desert plant at the complaining homeowners expense.

B. If the tree is large (over 10 feet) and well established, the Board of Directors, Maintenance committee, and all affected home owners agree that the tree is an obvious problem the tree will be removed and replaced with a suitable desert plant at the complaining homeowners expense.

C. All compensation for removal and replacement as outlined in A&B above will be paid in advance of work being conducted.