

Tree trimming/maintenance policy 02/21/2025

1. **AUTHORITY TO ACT, RESPONSIBILITIES** - Trees from one property that overgrow into another can be appropriately trimmed by an affected property owner, at their expense, even if they do not own the actual tree. Similarly, invasive roots can also be mitigated. However, care must be taken to not disfigure or harm the tree. For that, a neighbor could have liability for damaging work done to a tree owned by an adjacent owner, including the HOA common area.
2. **DISPATCH** - The HOA does not dispatch a contractor to trim tree encroachment on a residential property merely upon the request of a homeowner. **EXCEPTIONS** - However, if the HOA is notified or becomes aware that a common area tree is causing a clear and present danger, such as failing limbs or trunk, or has come into potentially damaging physical contact with a building or fence, the HOA may elect to proceed to perform work upon the tree. The HOA leadership encourages owners to notify the HOA if such conditions do exist.
3. **ROUTINE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE** - During routine scheduled maintenance, the HOA may, as needed, request access to an owner's property to perform structural pruning work on a common area tree owned by the HOA. Easement access authority may apply if required.