

# **River Crossing Homeowners' Association Greenbelt Tree Removal Policy**

## **PURPOSE**

To describe the policy and procedure concerning removal of dead or dangerous trees from Association owned property.

## **BACKGROUND**

The River Crossing Homeowners' Association owns several parcels of land abutting lots owned by Association members. In particular those parcels east of the development (tracts 998 and 999 on the plat maps, and often referred to as the “greenbelt” or North Creek wetlands) contain many large native growth trees. If a tree in this area becomes diseased, damaged, or dies it may pose a potential hazard to homes nearby.

## **POLICY**

It is the policy of the River Crossing Homeowners' Association to pay to have diseased, damaged, or dead trees removed from Association owned property if the tree is a hazard and proper approval is received from the City of Mill Creek. The HOA will arrange and pay for the removal of only the section of the tree that poses a hazard to River Crossing properties. Note: The City's policy is to have trees which are cut down in the Conservation Easement (tracts 998 and 999) dropped to the ground and left. Wood from the trees cannot be removed.

## **PROCEDURE**

If a homeowner is concerned about a tree on Association land, they may request that it be removed using the following procedure:

1. Notify the HOA of a concern over a tree that is diseased, dead, or otherwise creates a potential hazard.
2. A designee from the HOA will review the tree in question and if it is a potential hazard, will petition the City for authorization to remove the tree.
3. The City of Mill Creek will send an inspector to inspect the tree.
4. The City will send a letter to the HOA either authorizing or denying removal. The HOA will inform the homeowner of the City's decision.
5. If approved, the HOA will arrange for a logger to remove the tree.

## **Approvals:**

1. Original approved September 9, 2010
2. Revisions approved December 07, 2022