

Approval for Mature Tree Removal Guideline

Article 4.25(c) of the CC&Rs requires the approval of the Design Review Committee or the Fire Safe Committee (now Firewise) for property owners to remove large mature trees. The Firewise and Design Review Committees requested to delegate the approval authority to the HOA board or their designee for tree removal requests not related to home construction, landscaping or fire safety. The HOA board approved this request and appointed the HOA manager as their designee.

In order to provide guidance to the Board or designee, the following is an adopted Guideline.

If a property owner wishes to remove a tree or a single number of trees (that exceed the nine-inch diameter restriction) for aesthetic purposes, then the GMHOA CC&R's shall not be interpreted to unreasonably constrain the owner from doing so. Approval shall be granted subject to the condition that the proposed tree removal does not materially or negatively alter the appearance of the owner's property when viewed from abutting properties or roads within Gold Mountain. Preservation of a mature specimen tree or a rare species shall receive special consideration and removal may be prohibited.

Tree Removal:

After completion of the home construction process, owner(s) have the following options for removing trees:

1. If the diameter of the tree is under 9," removal is at the owner's discretion.
2. If the tree is a fire hazard, owners will seek permission for removal from the Gold Mountain Home Owners Association (GMHOA). The Firewise Committee may be tasked by the GMHOA to help evaluate the actual hazard.
3. For other purposes, such as opening a view corridor, clearing an area, etc., the owner should contact the GMHOA board or their designee, the General Manager for approval.
4. Owners have the right to appeal all decisions to the Board of Directors of the GMHOA. This type of request should be generated through the General Manager to the GMHOA board.

Adopted by the HOA Board of Directors January 24, 2015