

# LAUREL PARK TREE POLICY

1. Section 11.8.13 of *Homeowners at Laurel Park By-laws* states: “The cutting and/or planting of trees are prohibited except with the written permission of the Executive Committee.” Herein are guidelines the Executive Committee may, but need not, utilize with regard to the maintenance of trees at Laurel Park.
2. The Executive Committee shall consider that healthy, viable trees should not be removed without compelling circumstances. These shall include, but shall not be limited to, dangers presented to persons or properties.
3. Unit owners may petition the Executive Committee regarding the removal or trimming of trees. The Executive Committee may consult Property Management (Pancione Associates) as to the health and viability of the tree(s) in question. Should unit owners wish to purchase a professional report regarding the health and viability of any tree(s), the Executive Committee shall review only those presented by C. L. Frank & Co.
3. Tree removal or trimming the Executive Committee deems necessary or desirable shall be regarded as one of two kinds:
  - (1) Removal or trimming necessary to avoid imminent threat to persons or properties private or common, for which the Executive Committee shall work with Property Management to remove or trim the tree(s) in question in a considered and timely manner.
  - (2) Removal or trimming which may occur as part of routine maintenance, for which the Executive Committee shall schedule the removal or trimming of the tree(s) in question in tandem with other routine tree maintenance.
4. Unit owners shall be notified of tree removals that are not part of routine maintenance. For this purpose notice on the bulletin board placed two (2) weeks before the scheduled removal shall be considered sufficient.
5. Without consulting the Executive Committee, unit owners may trim trees away from their units up to 3 feet, provided this trimming causes no further harm to the tree(s). Without consulting the Executive Committee, unit owners may trim or remove trees which have at their trunk’s thickest part a diameter of no more than one (1) inch. Unit owners may offer to fund the removal or trimming of trees, for which the Executive Committee must be consulted and must grant permission.
6. No part of this policy shall be interpreted so as to prevent the Executive Committee from acting with regard to the maintenance of trees. No part of this policy shall be interpreted so as to compel Executive Committee to act with regard to the maintenance of trees.