

# Taberna Tree Removal Policy and Procedures

In order to protect and preserve the tree population to the extent possible in Taberna, while acknowledging that trees occasionally need to be removed for cause, the following procedure is in place for a homeowner to remove any individual tree(s) on their property when it becomes necessary, or desirable, to do so.

1. Download the application form from the Taberna HOA website ([tabernahoa.org](http://tabernahoa.org)), fill it in and submit to the head of the Tree Committee.
2. A committee member shall meet with you on site to evaluate the request.
3. If the application is approved, a committee member shall inform you in person and in writing of the approval and a photograph of the area will be taken in order to allow verification of compliance to the application at a follow up visit made after the removal of the tree(s).
4. If the application is denied, which shall be done in writing, the homeowner has the right of appeal before the Taberna HOA Board.

In general, the following are reasons for removal that can be expected to result in an **approval** of the application;

- The tree is dying, diseased or otherwise on its way to being dead
- If it is an obvious threat of falling; i.e. leaning
- It has been significantly damaged by natural forces such as lightning, wind, beaver girdling, etc.
- It is a misapplied tree that has outgrown the space in which it was (mis)planted
- A nuisance tree such as a gumball. Leaves, pine needles etc. are **not** classified as a nuisance.
- The tree's roots have caused cracking or other damage the foundation, sidewalks, driveway, etc. of the house.

Note that any tree 6" or less DBH (diameter at breast height) can be removed by the homeowner without any involvement of the HOA.

There are many online sources that supply additional information on the effects of trees in HOA communities. If you would like more information on this, a good place to start is; [HOA urban tree management FINAL SEPT 20 2017 .pdf](#). Copy and paste the address into your browser to view it.