

TREE POLICY Approved 02/09/15

The purpose of King's Gate Park's Tree Policy is to protect & preserve all existing trees that grow on our leased & common grounds. Dying or diseased trees will be removed by the Association & replaced with new ones when it is deemed feasible to do so. Permits will be obtained from Sarasota County whenever they are required. Any new plantings will be maintained by the park's maintenance staff during the off-season & preferably, by volunteers, in season. On private property, trees may be removed by owners at their expense & replaced by the owner if they so desire, providing the work is done in accordance with the park's rules & regulations. In Common Areas, owner planted trees should be maintained by the respective lot owner, regardless of whether the current owner planted them or not.

Please refer to the Declaration of Condominium in your Owner's White Book. Sect. 14.7 falling under the heading "Maintenance & Repairs of Condominium Property". It states, in part, that "No Unit Owner may alter the landscaping of the Common Elements in any way without prior Board approval". Under the section of recently approved Rules & Regulations, items 2. k) & l) require the owner to trim trees & plants on their property. Owners will be permitted the planting of trees in the common area adjacent to the owners' property, by the owner, providing that written permission is obtained using an Exterior Modification Form. The Assn. is responsible ONLY for the trees it plants in the common area. Palm trees on private property must be trimmed annually "in season" by the owner. Palm trees located 10 ft. in from the back of the street curb will be trimmed by the park. Various types of ornamental palm trees, shrubs & bushes must also be trimmed annually "in season" by the owners of the properties on which they are situated.

Things to consider when contemplating the removal/replacement of an existing tree:

- 1) At what point do we decide that dead or dying trees should be removed?
- 2) With what do we replace said tree(s) e.g. size, variety & at what time interval?
- 3) Owners should be encouraged to remove diseased and/or dying trees on their own property as well as the common ground adjacent to their property. We should be seeking the opinion of the Sarasota County Agricultural Rep when determining the best plan of action.