



# TOWN OF JUPITER

## TREE REMOVAL POLICY

### Department of Planning & Zoning

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To: Property Managers and Home Owner's Associations(HOA), Property Owner's Associations(POA) and Condominium Owner's Associations(COA)

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Subject: Town of Jupiter - Tree removal policy

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Please be advised that the Town of Jupiter has a new Tree Removal Policy for all single-family home owners whose property is located in a Planned Development with a Home Owner's Association. The policy is as follows:

#### **Residential single-family private property**

- If a resident wishes to remove a tree from their lot or property and the property is under the guidance of an HOA/POA/COA, the Town of Jupiter will not require a vegetation removal permit.
- The property owner must process the request for tree removal directly with the HOA/POA/COA for removal and replacement, if required.
- Tree replacement, on a lot or property, shall be required when the tree to be removed is part of an approved landscape plan within the Planned Development. The HOA/POA/COA and resident shall determine the location and type of replacement tree.

This new policy eliminates redundancy in the permitting process and allows the single-family property owner to deal directly with the HOA/POA/COA; thus, eliminating the need to obtain a permit from the Town. Furthermore, there is no fee required by the Town for the removal of a tree on a single-family residence.

#### **Rights-of-Way and common areas**

- If a resident wishes to remove a street tree or landscaping in the right-of-way or common property, the property owner must first contact the HOA/POA/COA.
- The HOA/POA/COA then contacts the Town to process either a vegetation removal application or a site plan amendment for rights-of-way or common areas.
- Street trees, landscape buffers and trees/landscape in common areas belong to the overall community which is overseen by the property managers and HOA's, POA's and COA's.
- Tree or landscape replacement for rights-of-way or common areas may be required.

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