

# Mill Creek Estates Homeowners Association, Inc

## **TREE POLICY**

All trees on the property of a given homeowner are the sole responsibility of said homeowner. In accordance with MCEHA Covenants and By-Laws, trees must be maintained.

Trees in all common areas are the property of MCEHA. Trees in common areas may not be removed or trimmed without the written permission of MCEHA. Any resident wishing to request such removal or trimming must submit a written request to the president of MCEHA stating the justification (if any) for such removal. If and when authorized by MCEHA the resident must secure a licensed, insured and bonded tree removal specialist. The resident must provide MCEHA with copies of insurance and bond two weeks prior to the date of expected work. The resident will be responsible for any/all payments and removal of the downed tree. Debris are likewise the sole responsibility of the resident. For any tree removed a new tree must be replanted and be mature to the height of ten feet and one and three quarters or more inches in diameter. The replacement tree must be approved in the same action requesting a tree removal. Only trees deemed appropriate according to Springfield Municipal Code are acceptable. Any resident who violates the above provisions shall be assessed a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).

If the Landscape Committee brings to the Board of Directors the issue of a tree in a common area that presents a clear and convincing danger to life or property the MCEHA will consult with the City Arborist or University of Illinois Extension Service Professional and may elect to remove the tree at MCEHA expense. MCEHA will likewise use a professional insured and bonded professional. MCEHA, like private individuals, must replace any such downed tree with an appropriate replacement.

It is the policy of the MCEHA to encourage the planting and maintaining of trees and it supports efforts for a greener Springfield.

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