

TREE REMOVAL

1. Does the request comply with established ARC Guidelines?

- a. TREE REMOVAL 1. Permission is required from the ARC by application for the removal of trees six (6) inches in diameter at a point four (4) feet above ground level at its base.
- b. The property owner and a tree professional must sign the appropriate application.
- c. When the trees have been marked and the application and compliance fee received by the management office, an inspector from the ARC may visit the site.
- d. If approved, permission will be granted. If the removal is not approved, the property owner will be notified in a timely manner.
- e. No work may commence until a Notice to Proceed is issued by the management service. To proceed without approval will result in a fine.
- f. TREE REPLACEMENTThe ARC may require a replacement of any tree approved for removal on a non-wooded lot. The type, size and number of the replacements will be at ARC discretion.

2. Does the tree fall under the need for county approval?

- a. See chart provided....is it a 'Grand Tree'?
- b. If yes...It's the HOMEOWNER'S responsibility to contact the Beaufort County Planning Dep't and request a review and permission...843-255-2140
- c. Once the homeowner has received a hard copy of the permit they must submit it to the ARC through the management company. At that time an ARC review will continue.

3. Does it comply with established previous ARC policy regarding the reason for removal?

- a. Is it dead or dying? (A letter stating so from a professional Certified Arborist is required)
- b. Has it matured and is now encroaching on the house, driveway or other structures and is a cause of danger, damage or concern?
- c. Is the tree in question actually on their property?

NOTE: It has been the spirit of the IW HOA and the previous members of the ARC since the start of development to keep the trees in Island West intact as much as possible. The reason being is that IW is unique to other similar priced communities because it was not 'clear cut' to the extent of Pine Crest, Eagles Point and others that do not enjoy the 'wooded lots' that Island West furnishes. Because of this, it's felt that the trees that exist in the community add value to our properties and make it desirable to those who may be interested in purchasing here.

The decision for the removal of any tree by the ARC should be considered within the spirit of this existing policy.