

First Colony Community Association (FCCA) Street Tree Removal Guidelines

Street trees, the trees located between the sidewalk and curb, are an important and desirable part of First Colony. Trees provide environmental benefits and contribute to increased property values. There may be some instances, however, when a street tree may need to be removed due to its proximity to infrastructure, utilities, lack of growing space, health of the tree, or other significant issues.

If there is a problem with your street tree and you would like to remove it, please complete a Modification Application and submit it to the Association. An Association certified arborists will evaluate the tree and determine a recommendation. **The removal of any street tree requires the prior approval of the Association.** Depending on the evaluation and each individual circumstance, a homeowner may 1) remove the tree and not replace it; 2) remove the tree and replace it with another street tree; or 3) remove the tree and replace it with a tree in the yard that will eventually canopy the street. Because the desired appearance of First Colony is a canopy of trees over the street, smaller species of trees will not be considered for use as a street tree.

The factors determining the removal and possible replacement of street trees include:

- Available growing space of the street tree
- Proximity to utilities and infrastructure
- Species desirability
- Tree health and condition
- Proximity to other trees
- Existing yard trees that may provide a canopy over the street

Modification Applications may be found on our website at www.firstcolony.org or at our office at 4350 Austin Parkway.