

# **Common Ground Tree Policy**

**The purpose of this policy is to protect the trees that are located on Common Ground within Camp Florida.**

**Common Ground is defined as property that is not owned by any one individual but whose ownership is shared by all residents and property owners.**

**Permission to have a tree serviced will be determined by the following criteria:**

**A.) Is the tree completely dead ?**

**B.) Is the tree or branch of a tree in such a dangerous condition that in the event of a heavy wind it could possibly cause damage to a homeowners property or possible injury?**

**If either of the above conditions exists the property owner should contact a board member to review their concerns. If the condition needs to be further evaluated, an expert tree contractor will be asked to determine if the tree is dead or poses a danger. The board will provide the property owner with the name of the contractor. The contractor is required to state the condition of the tree in writing with an estimate to perform the task of removing the branch or tree. The estimate and the condition of the branch or tree needs to be returned to the board member.**

**If the estimate is approved, permission will be granted to trim or remove the tree. This work will be done by the contractor providing the quote. The policy of payment will be shared by the property owner and the P.O.A. It will be 50 percent property owner and 50 percent homeowner of the total price, if the tree is not dead. If the tree is dead and is a threat to a homeowner the POA will have the tree removed at no cost to the property owner. The property owner will write a check payable to Camp Florida Property Owners Association, then the contractor will be scheduled and the work will be completed. The POA will be billed for the entire amount by the contractor.**

**Any property owner has the right to provide a fire safety barrier around their property up to 20 feet from their dwelling. They are allowed to remove any brush, vines, or dead trees from common ground property. No live trees on common ground property are allowed to be trimmed or removed without approval of the P.O.A. Board Of Directors.**