

## **LANDSCAPING AND FUEL MODIFICATION REGULATIONS**

**REQUEST TO AMEND F/TSP: Section III.E.1.0 (pages 111-76 thru 78 of the F/TSP) to add:**

### **III.E.1.1**

*For the Saddle Creek and Saddle Crest Area Plan areas as described in Appendix F, the following shall apply:*

#### **c-a) Tree Management / Preservation**

1) Any *oak or sycamore* tree exceeding five inches in diameter (measured at four-and-one-half (4.5) feet above the existing grade) shall not be removed prior to Planning Commission approval of an area plan, ~~site development permit or use permit~~ and the approval of a Tree Management / Preservation Plan by the ~~Manager, EMA/Harbor, Beaches and Parks, Program Planning Division~~ *Planning Director, Planning and Development Services Department*. Since they play a major role in providing nesting or breeding habitat for wildlife, the removal of dead or dying *oak* trees shall require approval of a Tree Management / Preservation Plan by the ~~Manager, EMA/Harbor, Beaches and Parks, Program Planning Division~~ *Director, PDSD unless the tree(s) have fallen or are in danger of falling and represent a hazard*.

Said plan shall be signed and certified by a biologist or arborist. The plan shall identify the location, size and species of all *oak and sycamore trees* proposed to be removed which have a trunk diameter of five inches, ~~or greater~~ *measured* at 4.5 feet above the existing grade and the proposed location for the transplanted or replacement trees. For the new development, said Tree Management / Preservation Plan shall be included as a component of the required Landscaping Plan (see above).

#### **3-b) Tree Transplantation / Replacement**

~~a. 1)~~ 1) All oak trees (*certified by an arborist to have all characteristics which make the tree a candidate for transplantation*) exceeding five inches in diameter at 4.5 feet above the existing grade ~~removed in accordance with an approved Tree Management / Preservation Plan~~ *shall be transplanted which are to be transplanted shall be transplanted in accordance with an approved Tree Management / Preservation Plan*. If any oak trees over 5 inches in diameter are in poor health or would not survive transplantation *or is determined to be infeasible for transplantation*, as certified by an arborist, said tree shall be replaced with ~~minimum 15-gallon trees~~ according to the replacement scale below. *The size of the tree and the method of irrigation shall be as recommended by a certified arborist*. The replacement scale indicated is the minimum number of replacement trees required; *however, additional replacement trees may be required on a case-by-case basis*.