

## Ardrey Crest – Architectural Guidelines

### 2.0 – General Landscaping Standards

#### 2.18 Street Trees

Street trees are defined as trees in the City of Charlotte Right-a-Way between the sidewalk and the road. This includes the tree in front of the house, and on the side for houses on corner lots. The City of Charlotte Trees municipal code requires a tree present in both locations. See link:

[https://library.municode.com/nc/charlotte/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances](https://library.municode.com/nc/charlotte/codes/code_of_ordinances)

- The homeowner is responsible for removing the street tree if it is dead, diseased, severely impacted by a storm/natural disaster or wants a new tree.
- The *Request for Architectural Approval* form is required to be submitted prior to a street tree removal and replacement. Any removal of a street tree without prior approval, except in cases where it is damaged due to a storm/natural disaster and needs to be removed for the safety of others, will be considered a violation.
- The replacement street tree is required to be a 15-gallon Red Maple or the exact same species as the previous tree. Red Maples can be purchased at SiteOne Landscaping Supply.
- Mulch and pine needles around the street tree are at the homeowner's expense.
- Decorative bricks and landscaping around the street tree are at the homeowner's expense and require an ARC request.
- The HOA is only responsible for trimming the street trees on the pre-defined schedule. This maintenance will be done by the tree or landscaping company contracted by the HOA. The trimming will be done in compliance with the City of Charlotte Trees municipal code. Any additional trimming necessary or required will be done at the homeowner's expense.
- Based on a legal opinion, dated December 8, 2020, the HOA does not own the street trees and previous replacement of a tree, at the HOA's expense, does not set precedent and is not required to be continued.