**SOUTH FORK OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY**

**TREE POLICY**

The below noted policy regarding tree maintenance, to include removal of trees, will be strictly enforced by the Board of Directors, Compliance Committee and Hillsborough County.

**Trees located in the easement** (between the sidewalk and the road) are regulated by not only the county (permit required to remove an oak tree), but also the HOA. An ARC request must be submitted along with the arborist report stating that a permit has been waived due to structural damage (to your home or sidewalk).

If a tree is removed from the easement, a replacement tree is required unless an approved ARC request is granted. Contact dlee@dlgmgmt.com for more details about replacement trees.

**Trees located on your Lot**: Oak tree removal requires a County Permit or a written report from a licensed arborist stating that structural damage is occurring. County regulation regarding tree replacement requirements can be found on both the HOA website and the County website. [www.southforkphase1hoa.com](http://www.southforkphase1hoa.com).

**Tree Trimming**: Trees located in the easement and on your Lot must be trimmed regularly and kept raised at a level of 10’ from the ground (to avoid limbs hanging over the driveway or sidewalks). Homeowners are responsible for maintaining proper trimming. (even if the home is a occupied by tenants).

\*\*ARC forms and instructions are available on the South Fork website. Requests may take up to 30 days.