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## Tree Policy

- A. Purpose
- Preserve the forest which is the cornerstone of this unique community.
  - Maintain the quality of life that is unique to the Lost Pines.
  - Trees provide oxygen, reduce noise, help cool, provide beauty, and provide habitat for birds and other wildlife that make this area home.
- B. A Circle D Civic Association "Qualified Tree"
- Any pine, oak or hickory located in any section of the Circle D Civic Association subdivision.
  - A "qualified tree" is determined by measuring the tree trunk at 4.5 feet above the ground. This is commonly known as DBH (diameter at breast height).
  - A "qualified tree" within the Circle D Civic Association Subdivision is protected once it reaches a circumference of 19 inches at DBH.
  - To determine the circumference of a tree = Diameter at DBH X 3.1416.
  - To determine the diameter of a tree = Circumference at DBH / 3.1416.
- C. Permitted Removal of a "Qualified Tree" required by the ACC prior to removal
- The clearing for a proposed homesite requires prior approval from the Architectural Control Committee (ACC).
  - The clearing for an outbuilding, garage, carport, etc. requires prior approval from the ACC.
  - The clearing for a driveway from road to homesite requires prior approval from the ACC.
  - The clearing for a fence line when removing a "qualified tree" requires prior approval from the ACC.
  - Removal of trees to comply with the Texas A&M Forest Service "Firewise" guidelines requires prior approval of the ACC.  
<https://agrifecdn.tamu.edu/coastalbend/files/2015/02/Firewise-Landscaping-in-Texas.pdf>
  - Other unique situations when the need to remove a "qualified tree" exists, requires preapproval by the ACC.
- D. ACC Approval is not required when the following conditions are present. However, it is recommended that Homeowner document a perceived threat of a dead or dying tree by photographing a tree, and the tree proximity to a structure, prior to the removal or a dead, dying or damaged tree.
- The removal of dead, dying, or damaged trees where they are a danger to structures.
  - The removal of underbrush is permissible if it does not include the removal of "qualified trees."
- E. Violation of the Tree Policy
- Removal of a qualified tree without ACC approval will be a violation of this policy.

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Note: Circle D Civic Association does not allow clearcutting of a lot under any circumstances.

Note: The wildfire of 2011 destroyed millions of trees in the Lost Pines habitat. Please consider not removing any pine, oak, or hickory regardless of its size unless necessary.

## CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, *Sue Pardue*, Vice President of Circle D Civic Association, do hereby attest that at electronic board meeting of the Association held May 8, 2020, at which a quorum was established, this Tree Policy was adopted by unanimous vote.

I, the undersigned *Sue Pardue*, acting as Vice President of Circle D Civic Association, have this day caused this document to be recorded in the Official Public Records of Bastrop County, Texas.

Executed this day 30 of June, 2019

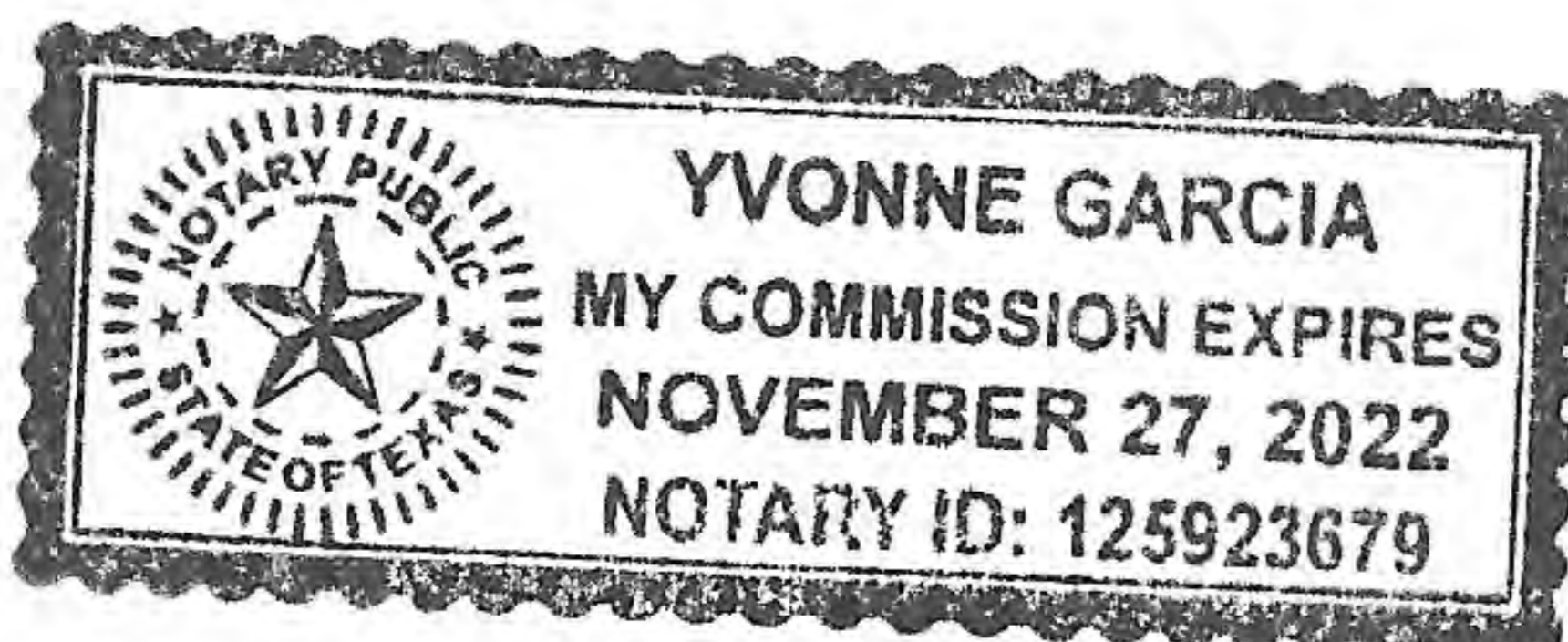
*Sue Pardue*

Sue Pardue  
Vice President, Circle D Civic Association

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BASTROP

This instrument was acknowledged before me on June 30, 2020, by Sue Pardue, Vice President of Circle D Civic Association, a Texas non-profit corporation, on behalf of said corporation.



*Yvonne Garcia*  
Notary Public of the State of Texas