## **Crescent Property Owners Association (POA): Memorial Tree Policy**

## **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of the Crescent Tree Policy is:

- To implement a process for planting memorial trees on POA property.
- To provide a list of recommended trees and applicable fees for this service.
- To establish the limits of the POA obligations in planting and maintaining memorial trees.
- To establish a formal record of the memorial trees.

## **SECTION 1: GENERAL INFORMATION**

- 1.0 The Crescent Tree Policy will be administered and coordinated by the Infrastructure Committee. Inquiries regarding this policy and the planting of memorial trees should be directed to the Chairman of the Infrastructure Committee.
- 1.1 This policy will outline the process involved in the planting of memorial trees in the Crescent. The Infrastructure Committee will assist in determining the species and locations for proposed tree plantings and the appropriateness of the tree selected for the location. The fee will only be for the tree selected.
- 1.2 Trees proposed for a memorial planting site shall be selected from the list of recommended trees for the given area selected for the planting.
- 1.3 For the purpose of this policy, POA property shall mean all open space and rights-of-way'

## **SECTION 2: TERMS FOR MEMORIAL TREE PLANTING**

2.0 Requests for memorial tree planting should be submitted in writing by the applicant to the Chairman of the Infrastructure Committee through the Tree Planting Application. Following the submission and approval of the application, the Committee will contact the applicant to complete arrangements for planting the memorial tree. Applicants will receive a copy of this policy prior to the purchase of the memorial tree.

- 2.1 Memorial trees become the property of the Crescent POA. Memorial trees will be maintained by the Crecent Infrastructure Committee.
- 2.2 The best effort will be made to ensure that the memorial tree is properly maintained during the period of establishment.
- 2.3 Should it become necessary to replace a memorial tree, the Committee will make every effort to obtain a replacement tree of the same species and size. However, the Committee reserves the right to plant an alternative species and size tree at the discretion of the Chairman in consultation with the donor(s). There will be no Charge to the donor for the replacement tree.
- 2.4 Memorial trees will be planted by the Committee during the spring and fall seasons depending upon the tree species requirements. Spring planting will occur from roughly March through May as conditions permit. For spring planting, a written request and completed application for memorial trees must be received ASAP. Fall planting will occur beginning roughly mid-September through October. For fall planting, a written request and completed application must be received ASAP. The Committee reserves the right to shorten, extend or delay the time for planting memorial trees depending on availability of plant material, site conditions, and/or inclement weather.
- 2.5 The Crescent Board reserves the right to limit the number of memorial trees planted on POA property and reserves the right to designate a certain specific site, area, or location for memorial tree planting purposes.
- 2.6 Applicants are advised that planting additional memorial trees may be permitted in proximity to existing memorial trees in accordance with good horticultural practices. The final location in determining an acceptable planting site for all memorial trees will be at the discretion of the Infrastructure Committee.
- 2.7 Applicants, friends and family members of the individual for whom the tree is planted will refrain from enhancing the site. This includes but is not limited to plaques, wreaths, and the planting of flowers.