

ORDINANCE 93-8

*Repealed
see 97-5*

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ORDERLY CUTTING OF TREES AND REMOVAL OF DEBRIS.

An ordinance to provide for the orderly cutting of trees in the City of Sky Valley, State of Georgia; to provide for the appropriate size of trees to be trimmed and cut; to provide for the preservation of the natural beauty and rustic atmosphere of the residential sections of Sky Valley, Georgia; to prohibit the unlawful cutting of trees; to provide for necessary penalties and fines for the unlawful cutting of trees.

Be it ordained by the duly elected city council of the City of Sky Valley, Georgia, and the same is hereby ordained:

1. This ordinance hereby repeals Ordinances 84-4, 85-4 and 90-7 and any other ordinances and statutes in conflict with this ordinance.
2. No large trees measuring eight (8) inches or more in diameter at (18) eighteen inches above ground level, may be removed without the written approval of the Tree Removal Committee; unless located within (15) fifteen feet of the main dwelling or accessory buildings or within (15) fifteen feet of the approved site for such building, driveways, septic tanks, or parking areas. Written approval shall be issued by any one councilperson if all the above guidelines are followed.
3. It shall be a violation to top or trim trees to less than 40% of their original umbrellas or crowns - refer to tree removal guidelines.
4. It shall be unlawful from the effective date of this ordinance for any person, corporation, contractor, homeowner, maintenance man, legal entity or any agent to cut top or trim any tree in the City of Sky Valley without a "Tree Removal Permit" or a fine of \$250.00 per tree shall be imposed.
5. This ordinance establishes a "Tree Removal Committee" to oversee approval for the tree cutting variances to permit greater latitude thus enhancing the community of Sky Valley. Guidelines should include consideration for neighboring property owners and the value of certain trees and selection there of without regard to size. In no case shall a complete lot be clear cut at any time.
6. The Tree Cutting Committee shall consist of any (3) tree councilpersons.
7. This ordinance does not remove the legal implication contained in the preexisting Covenants or Declaration of restrictions.
8. Tree Removal Guidelines:



A. CLEAR CUTTING - ONLY allowed for new construction; building foundation plus 15 ft.; driveway; septic tank and drain field. The Building Permit must be issued before clear cutting shall be allowed.

B. May remove up to one third (1/3) of trees over eight (8) inches with no clear cut area. This provision may be exercised once each (10) ten years.

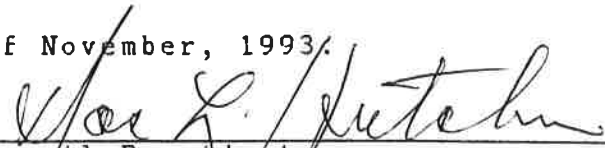
C. VIEW PROTECTION - May remove trees blocking view, provided there are smaller trees within reasonable distance (15 feet). If no smaller trees - you must plant ornamental (example - dogwood) or similar trees to replace the ones cut.

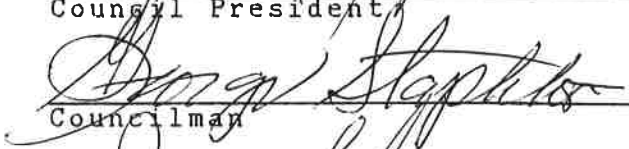
D. TREES - You may remove if outside the (15) fifteen foot restriction if ice-laden limbs could fall on your house.

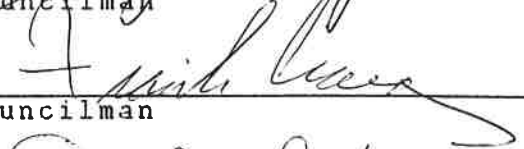
E. DEAD OR DISEASED TREES - May be removed if they present a problem to property or persons. If the tree is in a wooded area and presents no immediate problem - we suggest you leave them for our woodpeckers.

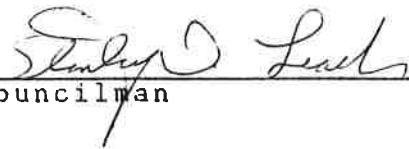
9. All debris from tree removal, tree topping, tree trimming, etc. shall be removed within 30 days. Failure to comply shall result in a fine of \$100 per day.

Be it so ordained this 2nd day of November, 1993.


Council President

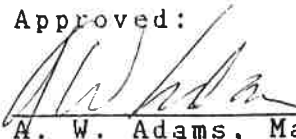

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Approved:


A. W. Adams, Mayor

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Jessie S. Henson, City Clerk