



# Gilchrist Owners Association

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## Gilchrist Owners Association (GOA) Utility Company Tree Removal Policy

The Gilchrist Owners Association Board of Directors acknowledges that the uninterrupted supply of electrical power to the town site is one of our highest priorities.

In order to insure that policies and procedures developed by the Board for the general management of trees in the town site do not prohibit reasonable proactive action by Midstate Electric or any of its successors or assigns, the Board of Directors of the GOA hereby make the following policy to govern the removal of “Utility Hazard Trees”.

The GOA recognizes that under many circumstances it may not be available to provide review of a potential Utility Hazard Tree removal prior to the emergency removal of a tree, and the GOA is not an expert resource to determine the liability such a tree may create which is better left to be determined by the utility company representative.

### Policy Statement:

1. The Board of the GOA defines a “Utility Hazard Tree” as any tree that shows unmistakable signs of imminently falling across the power lines feeding power to the town site as determined by an authorized representative of the electric company responsible for providing such power. This would include trees that are leaning heavily, extensively damaged or dying that if they were to fall towards the power lines would cause damage resulting in a loss of power to the community.

Sound trees that are tall enough to reach the power lines if they were to fall, but are not showing definite and identifiable signs of being an imminent hazard are NOT considered Utility Hazard Trees by the Board and are subject to the standard provisions of the GOA tree removal policy.

2. The Board hereby gives the utility company advance directive and approval that they may remove such trees at their own expense without prior approval by the GOA.
3. Further, in any case that a homeowner in the community disagrees with the decision of the power company to remove a Utility Hazard Tree that is on their property, it is up to the homeowner to negotiate with the utility company directly for any change of the utility company decision.
4. The Board of the GOA reserves the rights to remove this approval at any time deemed appropriate by a quorum of the Board members.