## **Palm Trees – Trimming and Removal Guidelines**

<u>Introduction and Background:</u> Occasionally owners have questions regarding the trimming or removal of the palm trees in Peppertree. The following guidelines are intended to help owners understand the owner's and the association's responsibilities.

## **Guidelines:**

- Association annually trims all palm trees with the exception of any "accent palm tree" or "ornamental palm tree" that has been planted by any current or previous owner which requires specialized trimming.
- Palm tree trimming is scheduled annually for late summer or early fall after the seed pods bloom.
- Homeowners may trim their own palm trees at any time at their own expense but **must hire a** licensed and insured tree trimming company to do so.
- If homeowner desires a palm tree which he considers to be on common property to be trimmed or removed by the association out of the normally scheduled sequence for trimming, a request must be made to the Peppertree Board of Directors in writing including a survey in sufficient detail to depict the location of the palm tree for the Board's review and decision.
- If homeowner desires to remove his own palm tree, he must first submit his request for approval to the Peppertree Board of Directors in writing including a drawing indicating the location of the tree. The homeowner **must hire a licensed and insured tree trimming company** to remove any palm tree.