

The magnificent tree cover within Port Royal Plantation is a major factor in the natural beauty we all enjoy, and a most significant contribution to property value. The original developers of Hilton Head Island fully realized the need to preserve the natural environment as residential areas were planned. The covenants and restrictions that govern every residential plantation on the Island include a control authority to preserve the tree cover and, most particularly, to prevent the unjustified removal of any significant trees.

Article VIII of the 1983 DECLARATION OF COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF LANDOWNERS OF PORT ROYAL PLANTATION, INC. states:

“Section 13. Trees. No live trees measuring six inches or more in diameter at a height of 4 ½ feet above ground level may be removed without the approval of the Plans Approval Board.”

Section 1.2 Scope of the PORT ROYAL PLANTATION PLANS APPROVAL BOARD GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES states in part:

“Plans for any project to be accomplished upon land within the Port Royal Master Plan must be submitted to, and approved by, the Plans Approval Board. Such projects include all construction, modification, remodeling and landscaping, including but not limited to:

Removal of live trees that exceed a diameter of six (6) inches measured at four and one half (4.5) feet above the ground, or groups of three or more trees within three (3) feet of each other, each of which exceeds three (3) inches in diameter measured four and one half (4.5) feet above the ground.”