

DRIVING SAFETY AT SADDLEWOOD INTERSECTIONS

ESTABLISHING A CLEAR LINE OF SIGHT

Problem

Many of the roadway intersections in the Saddlewood Subdivision have restricted line of sights due to the proximity of the pine trees. These trees are actually located in roadway right of way (ROW). While these trees do provide some privacy, noise and dust control to the adjacent properties, they do present a significant driving hazard. These pine trees cause blind spots and a motorist can not see oncoming traffic until they have entered well into the intersection.

Action required

There should be a clear line of sight at an intersection of 250 feet in both directions. See attached drawing on intersection line sight distance. The pine trees located in the ROW need to be transplanted to another location, trimmed or cut down.

Solution

This problem can be solved by one or more of the following actions:

1. Contact Elbert County Road and Bridge Superintendent could cut down the trees that are causing the traffic hazard. This would probable result in the county clear cutting the trees in their ROW. This could make most of the home owners a little unhappy.
2. Form a committee of Home Owners and Board Members to review the intersections that have been identified as hazardous and layout specific corrective actions. (Mark trees)
3. The property owner can take the required action.
4. We could have a community work day to take the required action and distribute the work among several people.
5. The Board could coordinate a chipper to dispose of the cuttings.
6. The Board could coordinate a tree mover for anyone that wanted to transplant any of the trees. Home owners would move trees at their own expense or we could see if the tree mover would exchange their services for the keeping some trees for the cost of transplanting others.

This is actually a county problem. However our home owners feel that they have ownership of these trees and would be very irate if they were cut down. It would be in the best interest of our community that we address and solve this problem. The Elbert County Road & Bridge Department has approved this type of action in the past.

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