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**Brookhaven enforces tree ordinance**

**Brookhaven, GA, Dec. 19, 2013** – There has been confusion caused by recent inaccurate statements in news reports claiming that Brookhaven does not have a tree ordinance. In fact, the Brookhaven City Council adopted a tree ordinance on Dec. 17, 2012 at its first meeting.

The ordinance mirrors DeKalb County's tree ordinance. Under the ordinance, single-family homeowners may remove up to five non-specimen trees per calendar year. Diseased, dead and insect-infested trees, as well as trees that are a danger to human lives or property, are exempt from the ordinance.

Anyone removing trees should complete an application, available at [http://brookhavenga.gov/uploads/Tree Removal Application.pdf](http://brookhavenga.gov/uploads/Tree_Removal_Application.pdf).

"The ordinance is designed to help preserve and/or replace trees as more development comes to Brookhaven," Mayor J. Max Davis said.

To view the ordinance, visit <http://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=10637>.

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