

**NUMBER:** 2002-3

**DATE:** August 1, 2002

**SUBJECT:** Pruning vegetation within Natural Area Open Space (NAOS) areas for fence or wall maintenance purposes.

Sect. 6.1100(B) of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Scottsdale. Titled: Supplementary Districts. Environmentally Sensitive Land Ordinance. Maintenance and Violations. Maintenance—Natural Area Open Space (NAOS).

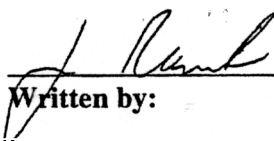
**PURPOSE:**

In the McDowell Mountain Ranch Community Association there exist wall maintenance easements within dedicated NAOS. NAOS guidelines limit the ability of the Association to prune and remove vegetation within this easement. The Association has asked for guidance about how they can maintain their walls and fences, and prune vegetation that encroaches on walls and fences, as well as private and Association property. This situation also exists in areas where there are not wall maintenance easements.

**DETERMINATION:**

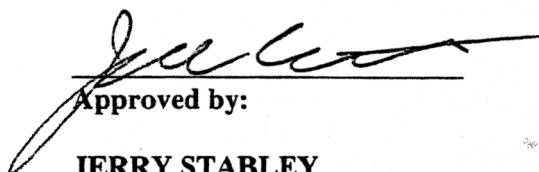
Limited pruning of native plants located within NAOS may be done for the purpose of protecting private structures, such as fences or walls, from damage or to provide safe access for painting, replacement or repair of the fences or walls.

In each of these situations the destruction of native plants is not permitted. If the property owner finds it necessary to remove native plants or to conduct substantial pruning within the NAOS areas, they must first contact the City for specific approval.

  
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Dated 8/1/02

  
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