



The Town of Ocean Ridge Police Department

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Christopher T. Yannuzzi
Chief of Police

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Dear Resident:

The severe storms that caused tremendous damage to Ocean Ridge in the past resulted in the Town Commission taking action to protect our utility lines and poles from similar damage in the future. In addition, during the past 24 months, FPL, AT&T and Comcast have worked hard to strengthen the entire utility system in Ocean Ridge.

The enacted Ordinance (66-151 (b) (7)) speaks to the required trimming of vegetation and trees located near or under, "...power or other utility lines or facilities..." that are suspended above the ground. Members of your Police Department have conducted a thorough inspection and have identified vegetation and trees that are in a position or condition that constitutes a threat to our power and utility system.

Therefore, "Warning Notices" were issued to advise property owners of their responsibility to maintain the problem vegetation and trees and directing them to take the appropriate steps to have the items trimmed or removed (keeping in mind, some removal may require a permit). This threat reduction must be maintained throughout the storm season that begins on June 1st and ends November 30th. We request that threat abatement measures be taken within 14 days.

As always, it is our desire to obtain voluntary compliance so as to make the Town safer for all first responders and the citizens we serve. In addition, such corrective action will reduce the recovery time that would follow any storm that impacts our area.

However, should it be necessary, follow up enforcement action will be taken by the Police Department.

We are counting on you to take care of this matter as all residents of the Town share the power and utility system, and depend upon it for our mutual health, safety, and well being.

Thank you in advance,

Christopher T. Yannuzzi
Chief of Police

PS: Should you ever need to refer to The Code of Ordinances for the Town of Ocean Ridge, the entire Code is available on the web at:

<http://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=10251&stateId=9&stateName=Florida>