

Architectural Design Standards

GENERAL

To ensure that Shakerag Farms remains an excellent place to live where we can all be proud of our homes and shared common areas, the following Architectural standards have been excerpted from the covenants established for our community. These standards will serve as a detailed guide to the Architectural requirements of our community covenants. The covenant takes precedence and this design standard is not meant to be contrary to the covenant document Compliance to local building codes is the responsibility of the homeowner.

Your "Architectural Compliance Committee" (ACC, which is the Board) administers these design standards and serves at the discretion of your Board of Directors. Homeowners are responsible for maintaining their property in compliance with the Architectural standards and covenants, which will help to ensure that our property values are not compromised.

ACC approval is required for all Architectural changes and modifications to the exterior of a property. This includes landscaping, painting, fencing and interior spaces that are readily visible from the outside. The procedure for submitting an ACC form is on our website.

Once approval is received from the ACC, the homeowner has twelve (12) months from the date of approval to implement the Architectural change.

If a homeowner is uncertain about whether or not an approval is required, submit the request.

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No Canopies, No Tents, Awnings or temporary structure of any kind is permitted No Sheds or Storage unit are permitted

All permanent structures must submit an ACC form prior to installation.

- Any permanent addition must be of a design that is complementary to the structure to which it is attached to the home and still must be submitted to the board.
- Patio Umbrellas are permitted under 12 feet in size and not seen from the street view.

Commercial Vehicles:

Commercial vehicles are **not** to be stored in the subdivision at any time. The ACC defines "commercial vehicles" as transport truck, moving vans, construction vehicles (i.e. bucket trucks, dump trucks, bobcats, etc.). "Company vehicles" such as pickup trucks, trailers, and large vans.

Covers:

No car covers permitted. Patio furniture covers must meet the following guidelines:

- Covers should be a neutral, earth-tone color. Bright colors are not acceptable.
- Covers for patio furniture should not be seen from the street view.
- No tarps are allowed

Woodpiles

No wood Piles allowed.

Fences

All requests for fences must be submitted to the ACC for approval. Generally, wood fences are encouraged with the exception that "picket fences" will not be approved. No vinyl or metal fences will be permitted. Chain link and barbed wire fences are excluded by covenant. The following additional guidelines apply to fences.

- Fences and their footings are to be installed within a homeowner's property lines. In no case will alleys be permitted between two fences. It is up to adjoining homeowners to work out approvals and/or agreements for connecting to each other's respective fences,
- Fences are permitted inside and rear yards of properties. Fences are not permitted to be constructed in homeowner's front yards.
- Fences are to be securely constructed using concrete footings and maintained in an upright position.

House Number Plaques and Signs:

No address plaques or signs will be allowed except for 1-2 security system signs. For sale signs are permitted. "For rent" or "for lease" signs are not permitted whether outside or inside.

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Landscape Borders:

Modifications to landscape borders and edging must be submitted to the ACC for review, The following guidelines should be used when selecting a landscape border material:

- Landscape bricks can be used, depending on the height. They must be uniformly installed and placed in the design pattern that was originally intended for the property.
- Grey or white stones are **not** acceptable.

Landscaping:

The homeowner is responsible for maintaining and replacing aged mulch and groundcover in their landscape beds, Artificial vegetation or rocks of any kind is not permitted.

- The original flowerbeds shape and size must remain the same as the builder intended and cannot be changed. Grey drainage material and Rocks are not acceptable.
- Sides and front of the home must have a flowerbed consisting of mulch or pine straw. It cannot be replaced with grass, or any sort of growing ground cover.
- Professional weed control is mandatory for every home.
- Every home must have one tree in the center of the front lawn.
- No fencing of any kind placed around trees, flowerbeds, plants or shrubs

Ivy and Vines

No Ivy or vines are permitted to grow on the home, fences, mailboxes or base of trees

Cropping or trimming trees

Cutting a few lower branches off the front tree is permitted, meaning 3-5 branches, anything more than that requires ACC approval. Homeowners are trimming too much off these large trees making them unsightly, it is not permitted. Crepe myrtle trees must be maintained with the lower branches removed creating a clean base.

Planters and Flower pots

Excessive Pots are not permitted in the front/sides of the home.

Lights:

- No Decorative or patio strings are allowed
- Holiday lights are only permitted during the holiday season
- Spot lighting should be limited to four (4) primary lights and two (2) accent lights in the front, and three (3) lights on the side. Anything in excess of this will require ACC review. Light fixtures must not be readily visible from the street. Lights must not be pointed in a direction that impacts a neighbor or pointed towards the street.
- Landscape lighting can be placed alongside front flowerbeds. These lights should not be placed along street-side sidewalks or driveways.
- Post lamps are not permitted.

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Lawns:

All Lawns should consist of Bermuda grass only. No Exceptions.

Stepping Stones

Stepping stones require ACC approval. They are not permitted in the front yard, they are allowed on the side of the home towards the rear of the house and must be kept minimal.

Parking on the Street:

Vehicles must be parked in the driveways. No parking on the streets, curbs or sidewalks.

Playground Equipment:

Playground equipment must be approved by your ACC prior to installation. The following guidelines apply:

- Play equipment must be of the wooden variety. Metal swing-sets will not be approved,
- Play equipment is only permitted in the back yard with a fenced in yard.
- The location of the play equipment must be at least twenty (10) feet away from the property line unless an ACC approved fence is in place, and not visible from the street.
- Trampolines must be located in backyards and as far away from neighboring properties as possible. Trampolines must be enclosed with a privacy fence. They must have ACC approval, please submit form
- No Basketball goals allowed
- No soccer or golf nets allowed

Statues:

No Statues are allowed.

Storm Doors

A storm door must go through ACC approval. Silver-finish aluminum doors and/or screen doors are not permitted.

Trees and tree removal

Trees should not be removed from an individual property without prior written approval from the ACC. The following guidelines apply to tree removal:

- No Fruit trees or vegetables are permitted on the front or side of the property. Fruit trees and vegetables attract unwanted wildlife and must be kept minimal and in the backyard.
- Every home must have a tree in the center of the front lawn
- Trees which are dead, diseased, or seriously damaged and pose an immediate threat to life and/or property do not require ACC permission for removal.
- Once a tree has been removed, the stump should be ground down or removed such that it is no longer visible,
- Planting New trees or adding additional shrubs must have acc approval

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Mailboxes and Window Boxes

- No Window boxes allowed
- No Artificial vegetation is permitted.
- No growing ivy, tall flowers, shrubs or decorative ornaments on or near the Mailboxes

Window Treatments:

The exterior side of window treatments must be "white or off-white". For the purpose of these guidelines, the term "off-white" includes variations of white (i.e. shades of "eggshell", beige, or light grey) which are neutral in appearance. Foils and wood-tone finishes on blinds are not acceptable.

SUMMARY:

	<i>ITEM</i>	<i>CONDITION</i>
1	Permanent Basketball Goal	<i>Not Permitted</i>
2	Second "Box" next to Mailbox	<i>Not Permitted</i>
3	Sheds and exterior storage containers.	<i>Not Permitted</i>
4	Signs	Not permitted except for a "For Sale" sign and a security system sign as described in " <i>Community Standards</i> "(above).
5	Tall Reflectors at Driveway	<i>Not Permitted</i>
6	Tarp covered items,	Not permitted except as noted in the " <i>Community Standards</i> "(above)
7	Landscaping Rocks	<i>Not Permitted</i>
8	Wind Sticks & Pinwheels (front yard)	<i>Not Permitted</i>
9	Window Fans & Window Air Conditioners	<i>Not Permitted</i>

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1	Awnings & Canopies	Not Permitted
2	Basketball Goals	Not Permitted
3	Children's Swing Sets, Trampolines, & Play Equipment	Submit for approval, Swings sets and play equipment should be constructed of wood.
4	Children's Forts/tree houses	Not permitted
5	Dog Houses	Not permitted
6	Fences	Submit for approval - refer to the " <i>Community Standards</i> " (above).
7	Flags	Submit for approval.
8	Garage Door Replacements	Submit for approval.
9	Landscape Beds	Submit for approval.

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10	Landscape Borders	Submit for approval — refer to the "Community Standards" (above).
11	Landscape Lights	Submit for approval.
12	Landscape Walls	Submit for approval.
13	Lattice Work	Not permitted.
14	Patio and Deck Extensions	Submit for approval.
15	Painting of the home	Submit for approval
16	Planter Box Attached to Dwelling	Not permitted
17	Ponds and/or Water Falls	Not permitted
18	Storage Sheds and Outbuildings	Not permitted
19	Storm Doors	Submit for approval
20	Trees - Removing or Planting	Submit for approval.
21	Trellises and Pergolas	Submit for approval.
22	Window Boxes	Not permitted

VIOLATIONS

CMA performs property inspections on behalf of the Board and the ACC twice each month. When violations are recorded, CMA will send a letter to the homeowner outlining specific violations and any action required to correct each violation.

If the same violation is observed during the next property inspection, a second letter is sent to the homeowner stating a timeframe in which their violation **must** be corrected. After this date, Self-help will be done. This means the board gets a company to fix the violation and bills the homeowners HOA account. The homeowner is responsible for the bill.

After proper notice has been given to the homeowner, at the Board's discretion, the Association's attorney will send a certified letter advising the homeowner that a lien will be placed against their property. If the violation is serious enough, the Board, should they also choose to do so, may file suit against the homeowner.

Our goal is to keep our neighborhood one that we can all enjoy and where we can be proud to live. Each homeowner has made an investment in this community and wants to preserve their investment. If we work together, follow the above guidelines, and are mindful of our neighbors this goal can be easily accomplished. The ACC is looking forward to working with you and preserving our community.