

Dove Tree Protective Covenants FAQ

A quick reference guide to the community Covenants as filed with Greenville Co.

This document is meant to help guide Dove Tree Home Owners (members of Dovetree, Inc) with some of the most frequently asked questions pertaining to Dovetree Corporation covenants. This information covers the as filed covenants with Greenville County and amendments on November 12, 1985 but is not meant to bypass or supersede said covenants. A copy of the filed covenants is also located on the Dove Tree webpage at <http://www.dovetreehoa.com> for convenience.

Does Dove Tree have a building committee?

Yes, the Dove Tree Home Owners unanimously voted during a special election in 1985 to designate the acting board as the building committee.

What is the purpose of the building committee?

The purpose of this committee is to approve or disapprove changes to the exterior of a home that many or may not conform with the neighborhood style and covenants.

What type of changes does the building committee approve?

Changes to the exterior of the home that change either the footprint or esthetics of the home as viewed from the street (examples: Additions, Porches, Garages, Siding, Color), any nonconformance with the covenants (setbacks, re-cutting of lots, etc.) and new home construction.

Is there a list of approved colors or building materials that are approved for use?

Neutral colors or colors like those already existing in the neighborhood do not need approval.

Approved exterior materials are as follows:

Roofs: Asphalt shingle (3-Tab or Architectural/Dimensional), Slate or similar material following exterior color guidelines.

Siding: Brick, Stucco, Wood, Cement lap siding, and vinyl siding following exterior color guidelines.

Windows: Owner's choice

Doors: Owner's Choice

Driveways: Paved asphalt or concrete (including concrete pavers), alternative types would need approval.

How do I get approval for exterior changes?

An email or letter to a current board member requesting a review of changes is necessary. The letter should include materials, colors and sketch detailing how the changes will affect setbacks on the home's plot. Additionally, an elevation view or rendering may be required by the committee. The committee/board then has 30 days to approve or disapprove the changes. After 30 days the approval is implied. A list of current board members can be found on the HOA webpage at <http://www.dovetreehoa.com>.

Can I install a fence around my property?

Yes, fences do not require committee approval. The covenants state that fences shall not go past the front build line shown on the plot unless they are 3 feet or less in height. The Greenville County limit is 7 feet in height before a permit is required.

Can I have hedges or fence along the front property line?

No fence or wall shall be constructed or maintained along the front property line of any lot nor shall any hedge or fence higher than 3 feet be built or maintained between the building line and the street.

Can I install a shed or small building on my property?

Sheds, Buildings, or Accessory Structures under the Greenville County 200 square foot floor space limit should match the architectural style of the neighborhood and must be located 75 feet from the front lot line and 5 feet from any side or rear lot line, as shown on the property's plot.

What are the rules for lot maintenance?

No house trailer, disabled vehicle or unsightly machinery or junk shall be placed on any lot, either temporarily or permanently, and the building committee shall, at the owner's expense, remove any such house trailer, disabled vehicles, or unsightly machinery or junk, from any lot.

Can I park a trailer or boat at my house?

Yes, the parking or keeping of travel trailers, trailers, and boats is allowed so long as they are not used as a residence either temporarily or permanently and are maintained on the lot in a sightly manner.

Can I operate a business from my home?

Yes, if no noxious or offensive trade or activity is carried on nor anything is done which may be or become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood.

Can I have a private pool?

Yes, if it is surrounded by a sightly screening fence.

Can I put solar panels on my roof?

Yes, though the layout would need building committee approval.

Do I have to pay my Dove Tree dues if I do not use the pool?

Yes, as a home owner you are member of Dovetree, Inc. and as such are required to pay annual fees regardless of the use of the Dove Tree Facilities.

How do I sign up to use the clubhouse?

Contact any current board member (<http://www.dovetreehoa.com>) and they will be happy to help you with the sign-up procedure.

Is there a limit to the number of Associate Members of Dove Tree?

Yes, the limit is 75 memberships. Each membership includes Adults and children living in the associate member's house. Associate members are granted access to the pool and tennis courts.

How do I become a board member or assistance in neighborhood activities?

The neighborhood is always looking for volunteers to fill upcoming vacancies on the board and help with projects in the neighborhood. Volunteers on the board normally commit to 3 to 4 years of participation, while smaller projects and committees offer a much short time commitment. To volunteer contact a current board member by visiting <http://www.dovetreehoa.com> for the current list of board members.