LEGACY AT ODESSA NATIONAL (SOUTHERNESS) <u>ARCHITECTURAL/LANDSCAPE</u>

Specifications & Requirements

provided by the ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC) TO ASSIST HOMEOWNERS IN UNDERSTANDING THOSE PROJECTS THAT ARE PERMISSABLE UNDER THE COVENANTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

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PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING EXCERPT FROM Article 7

Architectural control

"SOUTHERNESS AT ODESSA NATIONAL GOLF CLUB AND RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY ACTIVE ADULT LOT MAINTENANCE

DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIONS"

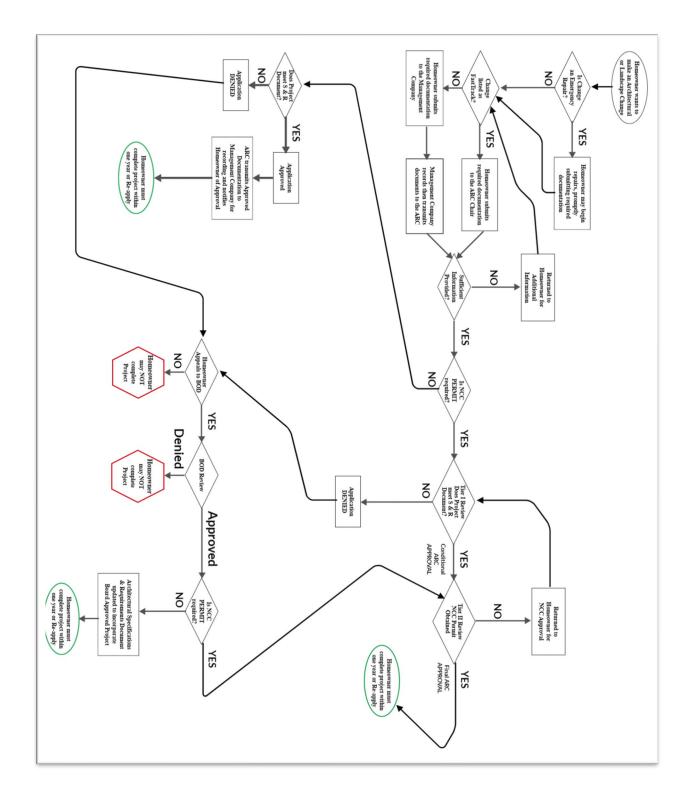
"No Unit, building, fence, wall or other structure as built shall be altered, extended, added to or modified, nor shall any additional structures of any nature be erected, nor shall any exterior change or alteration be made (including, but not limited to, exterior facade color changes or change in grade or drainage) unless the Declarant shall determine that any such action is necessary for the mutual benefit of the Owners. In the event that repair, replacement or other work on existing structures is necessary, or the erection of any additional structures is necessary, any such work must, to the extent practicable, be performed such that the condition and appearance is equal to and identical to the condition and appearance of the structure as originally constructed, or with respect to additional structures, the construction and appearance is in architectural harmony with the property as originally built and developed. No work as above described shall be performed until plans and specifications as to the nature, kind, appearance, materials and location of the work to be performed has been submitted to the Declarant and approved by the Declarant, or its designated committee, in writing as to compliance with the above requirements, as follows: ... " (end of excerpt)

(The complete Article 7 may be found in the above document)

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

• **BEFORE SUBMITTING**

 Before submitting a request for an architectural / landscape change, refer to this Specifications & Requirements booklet to be sure that the request you are making meets the requirements. In addition, the ACTIVE ADULT LOT MAINTENANCE DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIONS (Covenant Deed Restrictions) should also be reviewed.

Please Note: The Architectural Review Committee and / or the Management Company may inspect prior to and after installation.

• EMERGENCY REPAIRS

2. EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO PROPERTY DAMAGED BY WEATHER, FIRE, OR ACCIDENT (NOT NORMAL WEAR AND TEAR) REQUIRED TO PREVENT FURTHER DAMAGE, MAY BE PERFORMED WITHOUT ARC PRE-APPROVAL. HOWEVER, A REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED PROMPTLY TO THE MANAGEMENT COMPANY THE REPAIRS MUST FOLLOW THE DEED RESTRICTIONS AND THIS DOCUMENT. AS STATED IN THE DEED RESTRICTIONS: "In the event that repair, replacement or other work on existing structures is necessary, ... any such work must, to the extent practicable, be performed such that the condition and appearance is equal to and identical to the condition and appearance of the structure as originally constructed, ...". REPAIRS FOUND NOT TO BE IN CONFORMANCE COULD BE DEEMED TO BE IN VIOLATION OF THE COVENANTS.

• THE REQUEST APPLICATION FORM

- The <u>REQUEST FOR ARCHITECTURAL / LANDSCAPE CHANGE FORM</u> (Both Pages) signed by the owner(s) of the unit <u>must be submitted with each request</u>. Some items do not require Change Form Submission – (see index) provided they adhere to the Specifications and Requirements contained in this booklet.
- 4. When submitting an ARC Request application, homeowners are requested to attend the meeting to answer any questions regarding the content of their application so as not to delay approvals.
- 5. Where pre-approval and a project plan are required, describe in detail the architectural landscape change you would like to make. Be as specific as possible. Be certain to state the placement of the change in relation to your unit (show on plot plan), specific dimensions, color, the type of materials to be used and any other appropriate information. Lack of enough detail may result in your request being delayed or denied. A request form is required before any work is started for all changes. If there are changes to the original submission, then a new change form is required (NO EXCEPTIONS).

• NCC BUILDING PERMIT REQUIRED

6. If a Building Permit is required by New Castle County (NCC) there is a two-tier approval process which consists of:

Tier I:

- Submit an ARC Request application to the Management Company before applying for a building permit.
- After the ARC Committee gives a conditional approval, the resident must apply for the county permit.

Tier II:

- The resident must return the ARC Request application with all approval stamps on all drawings to the ARC for final ARC approval.
- > Residents cannot proceed with any changes until final ARC approval.

• WRITTEN APPROVAL REQUIRED

- 7. The owner shall not make the requested architectural / landscape change requiring prior approval until they receive written approval from the Architectural Review Committee or Legacy Board of Directors. Some items do not require prior email / written approval (see index) provided they adhere to the Specifications and Requirements contained in this booklet.
- 8. PLEASE NOTE: Approval may take up to one (1) month; please allow this schedule with contractor(s) accordingly.

• FORMS AND REQUESTS SUBMISSIONS

9. All forms and requests are to be submitted to the Management Company (form has contact information), or to the ARC Chairperson (for Fast Track requests ONLY). Please keep this instruction sheet and Copy of your Request (FOR FUTURE REFERENCE).

• HOMEOWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- 10. It is the responsibility of the homeowner, in all instances, to provide the contractor, where necessary, with the specifications and requirements for the structural change. Furthermore, it is also the responsibility of the homeowner to submit a <u>REQUEST FOR ARCHITECTURAL / LANDSCAPE</u> <u>CHANGE</u> form to the Management Company.
- **11.** It is the homeowner's responsibility to obtain all ARC approvals; **do not allow the contractor to obtain approvals.**
- 12. The maintenance of any change shall be the responsibility of the homeowner.
- 13. If further clarification is required on any matter, contact the Management Company for assistance.

FAST TRACK PROJECTS

This program will give homeowners the ability to perform certain projects on an expedited basis without having to wait for formal approval at an ARC monthly meeting. These projects MUST meet the following criteria:

ALL PROJECTS MUST CONFORM TO THE SPECIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS GUIDELINES IN THIS DOCUMENT.

• APPROVED PROJECTS

Fast Track projects are listed in the Index and Specifications.

• FAST TRACK PROCESS

The following process is to be followed:

- Step 1. Homeowner must submit the standard ARC request form with supporting documentation to the ARC chairperson.
- Step 2. The ARC chair will respond with an approval notice within 24-48 hours of receipt of the form. At that point, the homeowner can proceed.
- Step 3. The ARC chair will send a copy of the request form to the management company noting a "Fast Track" project for their records. There will be no need for the management company to respond to the homeowner.

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Decks	1, 2, 3, 4	YES		9
Decorations (Seasonal / Holiday)		NO**		10
Downspout and Sump Drain Lines	1, 2, 3, 5	NO**		10
Exterior Painting	1,3	YES	\$A	10
Fire Pits / Chimineas / Smokers		NO**		10
Fired Heaters, Lights, Bug Zappers (Gas or Electric)		NO**		10
Flagpole Holder (house mounted)		NO**		10
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1) Architectural/Landscape Change Form IS REQUIRED.

2) Plot Plan or Detailed plot sketch with dimensions showing requested Architectural Change IS REQUIRED.

- 3) Detailed specifications and Information on requested Architectural Change IS REQUIRED. Information may include but is not limited to:
 - a. Color
 - b. Size

d. Product

- e. Manufacturer, etc.

c. Material

f. Installation Methods

(The more information provided the easier it will be for the Architectural Committee to render its decision.)

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STRUCTURAL ARCHITECTURAL SPECIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

Awnings¹²³

- → Patio awnings must be retractable; window fixed awnings must not extend more than three (3') feet on the side or rear of the dwelling.
- \rightarrow Awnings may not be placed on the front of the home.
- \rightarrow The size of the retractable awning must not extend beyond the side of the existing patio or deck.
- → Fabric color: Colors must coordinate with the dwelling siding and / or approved colors shall be permitted. Fabric color and fabric sample must be supplied with the original request.
- \rightarrow The continued maintenance of the awning shall be the responsibility of the homeowner.
- \rightarrow No freestanding canopies, tents or gazebos are permitted.

Basement Stairs (Exterior)¹²³⁴

- \rightarrow Roofs are permitted over outside basement stairs.
- \rightarrow The roof must match the existing roof and siding material must match in type and color.

Bump Outs: to cover fireplaces, etc.¹²³⁴

- \rightarrow Maximum two (2') foot bump out not to exceed four (4') feet across, rear of house only.
- \rightarrow Must match siding on all vertical surfaces.
- \rightarrow Must not exceed height of roof.

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Decks

- \rightarrow Decking to be constructed of composite decking material.
- \rightarrow When expanding a deck, decking must be identical to decking installed by the builder.
- \rightarrow Deck Railings:
 - White, Black, Brown, or Almond rails and spindles of vinyl, coated aluminum, or composite material to match / color coordinate with decking material must be used. Clear safety glass materials for balusters are also allowed.
- \rightarrow Wire Mesh or solid-colored panels cannot be attached to any portion of the railing.
- \rightarrow A stone bed must be installed under the deck or provide skirting.
- \rightarrow Non-wood lattice skirting with protection bed is permitted to be installed under deck with approval.
- \rightarrow No Patio, Deck (and stairs) or Porch can extend beyond the width footprint of the home.
- → Walkways (See Walkways) are permitted subject to ARC approval.

Decorations (Seasonal / Holiday)

- → Seasonal / Holiday decorations shall be permitted during the season and shall be removed no later than thirty (30) days following the holiday.
- → Christmas lights are specifically permitted but must be removed <u>no later than January 15th</u> of any year.

Downspout and Sump Drain Lines¹²³⁵

- → Downspouts and sump drain lines can only surface (daylight) within your property lines and at least five (5') feet from neighbors' property.
- \rightarrow Sump drain lines may go directly into storm drains only via DelDot approval.

Exterior Painting¹³

- \rightarrow Painting of all outside trim, doors, shutters, garage trim, columns, and foundations.
- \rightarrow Color must match the existing paint color.

Fire Pits / Chimineas / Smokers

- → Fire Pits / Chimineas / Smokers are permitted only if fueled by electric / gel / natural gas / propane gas or charcoal. WOOD-FIRED APPLIANCES ARE STRICKLY PROHIBITED.
- \rightarrow Gas or Gel fired outdoor tabletop or fire pit tables are permitted.
- \rightarrow Grills and smokers should be monitored to ensure minimum smoke intrusion upon neighbors.

Fired Heaters, Lights and Bug Zappers (Gas or Electric)

 \rightarrow Are allowed on decks, patios, service walks, walkways, and beds only.

Flagpole Holder (house mounted)

- → Flagpole holders can be installed on the dwelling's garage, front entranceway and front window area or porch support post.
- \rightarrow Up to two (2) flagpole holders are authorized. Freestanding flagpoles are not permitted.
- \rightarrow Mounting Brackets should be installed using non-rusting and non-corroding hardware.

Front Door Replacement¹³

- → Front Door replacements must be architecturally the same as the door being replaced in material and appearance.
- \rightarrow Color must match the door being replaced.

Front Porch Handrails & Railings¹³

- → Handrails & Railings, either white, black or earth tone vinyl, coated aluminum or wrought iron can be installed on the front porch and steps.
- \rightarrow Handrails must not extend beyond the foot of the front steps.

Full Roof Replacement¹³⁴

→ Complete roof replacements will require composite asphalt shingles to match, as closely as possible, the original color. Traditional/standard shingles as well as Architectural style shingles are acceptable.

Garage Door¹³

- \rightarrow Garage Door replacements must be architecturally the same as the garage door being replaced.
- \rightarrow Color must match the door being replaced.
- \rightarrow A garage door window panel is allowed and must be installed in one of the top 2 rows.

Generators¹²³⁴

- → When installation of a permanent gas generator is submitted, the drawing must include placement in relationship to wall openings (dryer vents, etc.).
- → Generators cyclic testing must be scheduled Monday through Friday between 2:00pm and 4:00pm.

Gutters

→ Gutter guards (screens) may be installed <u>WITHOUT ARC</u> approval provided they cannot be seen from ground level.

Hose Caddie (on house) / Pad (on ground)

- → Hose caddies / pads are not permitted in the front of the dwelling. They are only permitted on the side and rear of the house.
- \rightarrow Ground Installation:
- Hose Pads must be no larger than 32" x 32".
- Hose Pads must be at or below ground level and not interfere with lawn/landscaping maintenance.

Lighting Fixtures (Exterior)¹³ FastTrack

- \rightarrow Replacement should be the same as existing/original fixtures.
- → Requires a submittal of an ARC request application; a picture needs to be included with the application.

Paver: Patio or Patio Extension¹²³

- → Location: Patios are to be an extension to the rear of the dwelling. No front or side patios are permitted.
 - An uncovered patio at ground level may project into any yard, provided it is set back from any lot line at a minimum of six (6) feet.
 - A patio cannot extend beyond the width footprint of the home.

→ <u>Materials:</u>

- The color and texture of patio extensions must be consistent with existing patio, if applicable.
- If a new patio is installed, paver style and color(s) must be submitted with original request for approval.

Satellite Dish¹²³

These specifications cover line of sight antennas (for Broadband Internet & TV)

- \rightarrow Satellite dishes are allowed.
- → The installation of these devices must be in accordance with the latest FCC regulations and local codes.
- \rightarrow The location of the device must be included with the request.
- → Locations are on the fascia or roof in the rear of the dwelling, or in a rear planting bed. If placement is different, a reason must be submitted.
- \rightarrow Exposed wiring on the exterior of the dwelling must be enclosed with matching exterior colors.
- \rightarrow Approved dishes may be no larger than twenty (20) inches in diameter.
- \rightarrow Cables must be buried deep enough so as not to interfere with lawn maintenance.

Screened Porch¹²³⁴

- → Screened porches are to be located at the rear of the dwelling only. Side or front screened porches are not authorized.
- \rightarrow Materials:
 - Siding to match existing siding on the dwelling.
 - Roofing shingles to match existing materials installed on dwelling.
 - Storm door- see specifications in storm door section.
- \rightarrow If skylights are part of the screened porch roof, they must be mentioned in the request.
- \rightarrow A stone bed must be installed underdeck or provide skirting.
- \rightarrow No through exterior wall heating, cooling or heat pumps are allowed at any time.

Security Lighting (Exterior)¹²⁴ FastTrack

Outdoor security lights, in general, and outdoor security cameras with timed lights are approved provided that:

- A. The lights do not negatively impact your neighbor.
- B. Sensitivity levels are to be set such that triggering occurs only upon sensing large objects such as animals and people.
- C. Trigger duration shall not exceed five (5) minutes, at which point the lamp is extinguished.

Shutters¹³

Shutters may be placed on dwelling windows; must be equal to window height.

- \rightarrow Color must match front door and existing shutters (If Applicable).
- \rightarrow Wood shutters are not allowed.
- \rightarrow No décor, insignias or crests are allowed on shutters.

Skylights/Tubes¹²³

- \rightarrow Must not extend more than four (4") inches above roof line.
- \rightarrow Shall not be greater than thirty-two (32") inches on each side.
- \rightarrow Shall not be visible from the street.

Solar Panels¹²³⁴

- \rightarrow Shall not be mounted on the ground.
- \rightarrow No additional structure may be built to accommodate the solar panels.
- \rightarrow Reflections from the solar panels shall not create a nuisance.
- → Notice of intent to install solar panels must be received by the Maintenance Corporation sixty (60) days prior to commencement of the installation (per state law as amended S 318, Title 25 Relating to Solar Voltaic Systems and Restrictive Covenants).
- → Neighboring residents (within 150 feet of the property owner's Property line) should receive notice of intent sixty (60) days prior to installing solar panels via certified mail return receipt (per state law as amended S 318, Title 25 Relating to Solar Voltaic Systems and Restrictive Covenants).
- \rightarrow The homeowner is responsible for obtaining the final electrical system inspection.
- \rightarrow Must be installed flush/parallel and immovable to roof surfaces.
- \rightarrow May be oriented in any direction on roof surfaces.

Storm Door¹³

- \rightarrow Homeowners may install a storm, screen, or combination door on the dwelling.
- \rightarrow The door can be a "full or half view" pane style or retractable.
- \rightarrow The door is to be white or a color matching the dwelling's door / trim.

Window Replacement¹³

- → Window replacements must be architecturally the same as the window being replaced in material and appearance.
- \rightarrow Color must match the window being replaced.

LANDSCAPING ARCHITECTURAL SPECIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

Border / Edging Structures (including Borders, Edging, Retaining Walls, Tree Rings)¹²³

<u>General</u>

- → Must be decorative cement -based products such as pavers, natural stone or brick and must be natural earth tone colors or brick.
- \rightarrow No type of wood edging / border will be permitted.
- \rightarrow Any new wall must not interfere with current lawn mowing protocols.

Borders - Driveway¹²³

- \rightarrow <u>Location</u>: Borders are to be an extension to either or both sides of the driveway. It may extend to the roadway but cannot replace any portion of the sidewalk.
- → Material comprising the border must be no higher than ground level and may not extend more than 18 inches from the side of the driveway.
- \rightarrow The border can extend beyond the width footprint of the home.

Edging¹²³

- → Edging is allowed between the service walk and planting beds, planting beds and lawns, and protection beds and lawns, but may not be used between front sidewalks (walkways along the road) and lawns, or driveway and lawn.
- \rightarrow The maximum height of the Edging is to be eighteen (18) inches.

Retaining Walls¹²³

- → Retaining/border walls around flower beds are permitted provided the following conditions:
- \rightarrow The maximum height of the wall is to be eighteen (18) inches.
- \rightarrow Any new wall must not interfere with current lawn mowing protocols.

Tree Ring Edging¹²³

Tree Ring Edging is not permitted in the rear of homes. Requirements for permitted tree-ring edging:

- \rightarrow Shall not interfere with mowing between flower beds and tree-ring edging.
- \rightarrow Shall not exceed three (3) feet in diameter.
- \rightarrow Shall not exceed 18 inches in height.

Dog Fences (Electronic)¹²³

- → Are allowed, however, care must be taken when installing to ensure that normal lawn maintenance including aeration will not damage the system.
- \rightarrow The fencing should be marked appropriately when lawn services are provided.

Grill Pad¹²³

- \rightarrow It is required that a grill pad be installed at least eighteen (18") inches from the rear of the house.
- \rightarrow Grill pad shall be a maximum of 4' x 8'.
- \rightarrow Grill pad must be at or below ground level and not interfere with lawn/landscaping maintenance.

Mailboxes¹³ (Fast Track)

- → Replacement mailboxes may be metal or plastic, shall be black in color, and have dimensions not to exceed 20 inches long by 7 inches wide by 9 inches high.
- → Requires a submittal of an ARC request application; a picture needs to be included with the application.

Mailbox Posts¹³ (Fast Track)

- \rightarrow Replacement of mailbox posts should match the original 4x4 wooden post as closely as possible.
- \rightarrow Replacement posts should be placed in the same location as the original post.
- \rightarrow Mailbox posts may be clear varnished or clear stained to protect the wood post.

Mowing

→ Mowers must have clear access to all lawn areas. Nothing may be placed in the yard to hinder mowing. Any damage done by mowers should be reported to the current Management Company

Mulch

 \rightarrow All mulch must be BLACK.

New Beds and Plantings¹²³

Larger nurseries in the area have a professional staff to assist in selection of plants that will meet the following criteria:

- → New beds between homes may extend up to a maximum of six feet (6') out from the foundation so long as the distance between your bed and your property line is at least three (3') feet; need to ensure beds do not interfere with mowing between homes.
- \rightarrow Beds may be planted with flowers and / or shrubs.
- → There are some small trees that may be planted in beds: limit two (2) per bed and may not extend beyond bed. The size of these *trees must be kept to eight (8) feet in height or less.*
- → Plantings around mailboxes or fire hydrants is not permitted. Hanging baskets off mailboxes are not permitted.
- \rightarrow Vegetable gardens are not permitted in the ground. Vegetable gardens are permitted in pots.
- → Homeowners wanting to replace existing plants in previously approved and installed planting beds may do so without prior approval.
- → Maintenance and upkeep of all planting beds except original builder installed beds are the responsibility of the homeowner.

Original Planting Beds

- → Homeowners wanting to replace existing plants in the original builder installed planting beds with different types may do so at their own expense.
- \rightarrow Annuals and perennial flowers may be added without prior approval.

Ornaments (lawn & bed)

- → All bed ornaments must be located inside the mulched beds so as not to hinder mowing. Ornaments are limited to no more than three (3) per side of house. Ornaments are restricted in size to no more than twenty-four (24") inches in height.
- → Lawn decorations are prohibited. No ornaments of any kind may be put in the common areas or on mailboxes.

Protection Beds (Foundation)¹²³

- → A protection bed may be established for the purpose of protecting foundations and siding from damage that may be caused by mowing or weed whackers. They may be installed around foundations and across screen porches, patios, A.C. units, grill pads and generators.
- → The bed may extend out up to eighteen (18") inches from the foundation and must be capped with BLACK mulch or with river rock according to the specifications below. If you plan to plant flowers, shrubs, etc. see: "New Beds and Plantings."
- → It is the responsibility of the homeowner to weed and maintain any protection bed that has been added.

River Rocks in Planting or Protection Beds

- → River rock in size range 1"- less than 3" can be used is planting beds provided that Edging, consistent with the specifications for Edging in this document, separates the planting bed from the mowing area. The Edging must be min. 2" in height.
- \rightarrow This rock size is also acceptable for use without a border in areas not adjoining a mowing area.
- \rightarrow River rock size 3" or more does not require a border.

Trees¹²³

Submitted drawings must show that the below requirements are met.

- \rightarrow The tree must be eight (8') feet from the house foundation and property line.
- \rightarrow No tree trunk can be closer than nine (9') feet from another adjacent tree trunk.
- \rightarrow A total of no more than four (4) trees may be planted at the rear of the house.
- \rightarrow Each tree shall have a tree ring no wider than three (3') feet.
- → Trees in the back of homes may be replaced without ARC approval if the replacement is going in the same location as the original tree.
- → Trees replaced in the front of the house must be replaced with a tree similar to existing front yard trees in the neighborhood.
- → Trees removed from the back of homes do not have to be replaced. However, grass must be planted in place of the tree.
- → Planting flowers or shrubs in a tree ring is permitted. Any damage due to overgrowth (plantings extending beyond the tree ring) during lawn care is the responsibility of the homeowner.

Trellis¹²³

- \rightarrow Trellises are allowed in flower beds no more than one (1') foot from the side of house for the purpose of Siding Thermal Distortion Remediation.
- \rightarrow They cannot be made of wood.

Underground Sprinklers¹²³

- → Are allowed but it is the homeowners responsibility to ensure care is taken to protect the sprinkler heads and mark the sprinkler heads and valve boxes appropriately when lawn services are provided.
- \rightarrow All piping must be installed at a minimum depth of six (6) inches in order that normal lawn maintenance, including aeration will not damage the system.

Walkways¹²³

- \rightarrow Walkways are allowed but must be at ground level so not to inhibit grass cutting.
- \rightarrow Public sidewalks are not to be connected to or modified.
- \rightarrow Service walks are defined as from the driveway to front door.
- → Damaged walkways, porches, and steps may be resurfaced using polyurea and polyaspartic concrete coatings provided they are earth tone colors.

Footnotes:

These indicate the documentation required to be submitted with the application.

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