

## **Door Hardware Standards: Polished Brass**

As-built door hardware in the Windsor Park Cluster was polished brass. This applied to kickplates, door knobs, locks, and knockers, and is visible in the Reston Association (RA) flipbuilder book or the Windsor Park as built. Visible representations are considered by RA to be documented standards.

The WPCA Board reviewed WPCA door hardware standards in March 2021 and, after extensive research and discussion, determined that these standards should continue to apply. As part of our efforts, we researched the availability of more modern technology such as digital keypads to determine whether this would compromise resident's abilities to take advantage of digital keypads and determined it would not. Digital keypads are widely available in a polished brass finish. Given that a number of residents have installed door hardware that is out of compliance with the visual standard represented in the RA documentation, the board agreed to request a 5-year window of compliance for the replacement of non-standard hardware. If this compliance window is approved by RA, it would mean that residents have that period of time during which to bring their properties into compliance.

We are in the process of having this reviewed, approved, and documented by Reston Association's DRB, and will post the updated documents when available.

In the meantime, if you are installing door hardware, we strongly suggest you choose polished brass to avoid replacement costs in the future. While replacement costs are not prohibitive, they would be an extra cost none-the-less.

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