

QUESTIONS ASKED ABOUT ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE (ACC) PROCEDURES

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE?

The purpose of the committee is to maintain property values by protecting the environmental and architectural integrity of the Subdivision in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration. Most covenants state that no building, structure or improvement of any character shall be erected, placed, added to or altered on any lot until the building plans, specifications and a site plan showing the location of the proposed structure or structures have been submitted to and approved by Architectural Control Committee for the Association as being in compliance with the restrictions as to use, quality of workmanship and materials, nature of materials, harmony of external design and colors with existing and proposed structures, and location of improvements with respect to topography, finished grade elevation, lot boundary lines and building lines, and within the scheme and design of Declarant.

WHAT ACTION IS REQUIRED OF OWNER(S)?

Prior to making any change or improvement, any owner planning to change or add to the existing structures on a lot must submit a request in writing to the ACC stating the details of the intended change, improvement or need for variance and attaching samples or plans to more clearly describe the projected change or addition. If any change, improvement or action in variance from the Declaration is taken prior to written approval of the ACC, the Association has the right to require the homeowner to remove the improvement(s) and/or change(s) from the property.

WHAT TYPES OF ITEMS REQUIRE WRITTEN APPROVAL?

Some examples of improvements/alterations requiring written approval from the ACC include (refer to the Declaration for other details):

- * Antennae
- * Playscapes
- * Solar Collectors
- * Major change in landscaping
- * Swimming Pools
- * Satellite Dish
- * Fences and walls
- * Storage Building, Patio Cover
- * Flagpoles, light fixtures

CAN THE COMMITTEE GRANT VARIANCES FOR CERTAIN DETAILS?

The Committee is authorized to grant selective variances for things such as location, height, number of Improvements, materials, etc, but the owner must request this variance, giving reasons why it should be granted so that the Committee can make a reasoned decision.

WHY DO WE HAVE TO PUT EVERYTHING IN WRITING?

The formal request and approval process is necessary to assure that every owner's desire to improve his or her property can be given due process without discrimination. It will also provide the owner(s), the Committee and the Association Board with a permanent record of actions taken under the Declaration.

WHAT DO WE NEED TO SAY IN THE REQUEST?

A number of owners have already requested and been granted approval to add improvements to their property by following the procedures outlined in the Declaration of Protective Covenants, but there are some owners who have expressed surprised and consternation about have to "ask permission" to improve their own property. Your subdivision was developed and made subject to a Declaration of Protective Covenants and all owners become obligated to follow the terms of the Declaration when they receive the deed to their property. The simple form on the reverse has been created to make it easier for all owners to submit request for improvements.

**ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE
IMPROVEMENT REQUEST FORM**

ASSOCIATION: _____ **DATE:** _____

In accordance with the recorded covenants, conditions and restrictions of the association, and in order to protect each individual owner's rights and values, it is required that any owner who is considering improvements of his deeded property to include, but not be limited to patio covers, decks, outside buildings, fencing, building add-ons, etc. submit the following to the Architectural Control Committee prior to initiating work on the planned improvements.

- (1) A completed Improvement Request Form
- (2) Complete and detailed building plans, material listing and specifications
- (3) A property site/plot plan showing the location of the proposed improvement

FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUESTED ATTACHMENTS (ITEMS 1,2&3) PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION MAY RESULT IN DENIAL OF YOUR REQUEST FOR IMPROVEMENT. If any change is made without approval, the Committee has the right to tell the homeowner to remove the improvement from their property. Any homeowner considering any exterior improvement to their property is urged to review the recorded deed restrictions prior to initial request.

PLEASE PRINT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Owner Name: _____ Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Briefly describe the improvement which you propose:

Who will do the actual work on this improvement?
Homeowner _____ Contractor name & phone# _____

Location of improvement (check actual areas that apply)
 Front of dwelling Back of dwelling Side of dwelling Roof of dwelling Garage
 Patio Other (describe) _____

Material to be used for the improvement (check applicable items):
 Brick – Color _____ Cement Stucco
 Wood – Color _____ Electric
 Siding Wood _____ Aluminum Glass
 Paint - Color _____ Stain Color
Other (explain) _____

I understand that the Architectural Control Committee will act on this request within 30 days of receipt and contact me in writing regarding their decision. I agree not to begin property improvement without written approval from the ACC Committee. I understand that all construction will meet the City codes and that the ACC Committee approvals do not override the City codes but rather, are intended to work with them.

_____ Signature _____ Date _____
Homeowners Printed Name

_____ Estimated time of completion
Construction Start Date

Return this form to the address or fax listed below:

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