

Silver Woods Community Association, Inc.

Exterior Handrail Permit-by-Rule

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The purpose of this permit is to avoid the need for individual Silver Woods Architectural Review Committee ("SWARC") applications for external handrail installations that meet pre-approved design and construction specifications for aesthetics and functionality as presented below. If an Owner chooses to install a handrail that does not meet these specifications, an individual SWARC permit must first be obtained per existing declaration and architectural guidelines.

Specifications:

- Location – Any external stairs of home
- Permanent Structure – The top and bottom posts must be made of sturdy material. The posts are to be secured using commercially approved anchoring methods that prevent any handrail movement when in use.
The handrail and the posts shall be the same color. If balusters are present, they shall also be the same color as the handrail.
Post base trim shall be installed where possible to improve the appearance of the installation.
- Colors/Styles – White or black vinyl or white or black metal (aluminum or iron) can be used. The post caps can contain lights but must be the same color as the handrail. If right and left handrails are installed, they shall be symmetrical (mirror image).
For aesthetics and stability, it is permitted that a short section of railing be installed between the top handrail post and an exterior wall of the home or an existing porch roof support post.
The addition of an ADA compliant handrail is allowed.

An individual SWARC permit is required as well as a town and/or county permit, if applicable, prior to any other external construction.

It is the responsibility of the Owner to comply with all applicable laws and regulations.