

# Guidelines on Being Good Neighbors

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The Board of Directors encourages a positive community spirit among its members and Ski Island Lake Club residents. To communicate this goal a policy regarding recommendations and actions to be taken between neighbors is desirable.

Neighborly etiquette is key to maintaining a positive relationship with those in the Ski Island Lake Club. The freedoms and privileges of *living-on-the-lake* comes with the responsibility for being a respectful, civil neighbor to those who live around us. Guidelines for being a good neighbor include:

- welcoming new neighbors with more than a personal welcome basket by introducing them to lake-use opportunities and neighborhood amenities, and by inviting them to meet others in the neighborhood;
- keeping the curb appeal of our homes looking at its best;
- being a responsible pet owner especially as dog owners by keeping them on a leash while taking a walk, picking up and putting their messes in your own trash can, and keeping barking to a minimum;
- avoiding property line disputes by knowing where your boundaries exist;
- talking with neighbors about fences and checking with the Board of Directors for approvals;
- knowing and following Ski Island Lake Club rules and regulations;
- keeping noise to a minimum; and
- handling conflict peacefully with face-to-face discussions whenever possible.

The Ski Island Lake Club supports the ordinances of the City of Oklahoma City for residences, including, but not limited to:

- maintaining lawn vegetation (OKC City Municipal Code Chapter 35, Section 63);
- no accumulation of bulky waste (OKC City Municipal Code Chapter 49, Section 32);
- properly maintaining pets (OKC City Municipal Code Chapter 8), by preventing unprovoked nuisance barking, confining pets to property with a fence high enough and strong enough to keep the animal confined or leashed, picking up solid waste deposited by a pet; and
- reduce noise between the hours of 11:00 pm – 6:00 am (OKC City Municipal Code Chapter 38).

## **Guidelines on Being Good Neighbors (Continued)**

Also:

- Each resident should address the good neighbor policy by actively pursuing the guidelines.
- When conflict occurs, neighbors should attempt to address each situation by direct resolution in a friendly manner.
- The Board of Directors may be requested to help in a situation subject to their concurrence.