This community was developed with the intent that homes harmonize with each other and present a pleasing and consistent style. Except as required by the governing documents, this style is not the result of a formal Architectural code but rather the result of the vision of the original developer.

To ensure the preservation of the existing design and to prevent the introduction of design that is not in keeping with the community theme, the Board of Directors, and the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) hereby recognizes and adopts the style and form of the existing community's Architectural standards as required by the governing documents. This standard shall continue in effect until the adoption and publication of new guidelines and standards. This standard is supplemental to the Declaration as amended from time to time.

The ACC is responsible for reviewing all Architectural Alteration Applications made by residents for improvements to the exterior of the house or lot. The ACC also reviews Architectural Guidelines and recommends changes and/or additions to the Board of Directors for adoption.

To the extent that any government ordinance, building code or regulation requires a more restrictive standard than that found in these Guidelines, the government standards shall prevail. To the extent that any government ordinance, building code or regulation is less restrictive than these Guidelines and any standards contained herein, or the Declaration, these Architectural Guidelines and the Declaration shall prevail.

Nothing contained in these Guidelines shall obligate any agency, governmental or otherwise to approve plans submitted, nor shall the approval of the ACC be construed as meeting either the requirements of Orange County, the City of Ocoee, or any governmental agency required for approval.

The ACC has the right to modify, revise, add, delete, or make any changes to these guidelines by joint resolution with the Board of Directors. Any conflict between these guidelines and the Declaration as amended from time to time, shall be resolved in favor of the Declaration.

#### **Alteration Application**

- 1. An ACC review application may be obtained from the community manager.
- 2. A separate alteration application should be submitted for each exterior modification.
- 3. Incomplete applications will be "rejected" and not be considered until resubmitted with all the necessary information for the ACC to make a decision.
- 4. The ACC has up to 30 days from the date a properly completed Alteration Application is received by them to take action on that request or it is deemed unapproved.

#### Each application must include:

- 1. Copy of the lot survey with the location of the alteration clearly drawn and labeled.
  - a. If applying for a fence, survey must mark any existing fencing around the lot with details about the existing fence's height, material, and color.
- 2. Vendor specifications or proposal showing the nature, kind, shape, dimensions, materials, color to be used and the location of the proposed alteration.
- 3. Color samples where applicable.

- 4. Color picture or vendor brochure showing what the item will look like when completed.
- 5. Pool applications must include the following:
  - a. Impervious calculations when applicable.
  - b. Contractor design and speculations detailing the materials being used.
  - c. Copy of the official lot survey illustrating the project including the location of the equipment and details on what will be used to shield it from public view.
  - d. Documentation detailing the material (aluminum), design, and color (bronze) of the screen enclosure when applicable.
  - e. Letter from your neighbor acknowledging the project and their agreement to the construction.
  - f. A deposit may be required for large projects that require large vehicles/machinery that need access through common areas.

#### **Access to Common Areas**

- 1. All exterior changes and modifications shall be completed in a manner so that they do not materially damage the common areas of the Association or individual Lots. Nor shall they in any way impair the integrity of the improvements on the property subject to maintenance by the Association.
- 2. No homeowner shall permit their contractor to access or otherwise cross the common areas, or another person's Lot without receiving written permission in advance from the Board or the Community Manager. In the case of accessing another person's Lot, written permission shall be obtained from the Lot Owner.
- 3. Other than the record titleholder of the Lot, any contractor or installer who will cross the common areas to access the construction site, shall provide the Association with an insurance certificate listing the Association as a named insured prior to commencing work. Insurance shall meet the following minimum limits: Contractor's General Liability including completed operations: statutory minimum amount. Worker's Compensation: statutory minimum amounts. The Board may establish these amounts.
- 4. Homeowners are responsible for any damages to the Common Areas and other Association property. Homeowner is responsible for restoring, re-grading, repairing & replacing any damaged grass, plants, irrigation, sidewalks, or curbs on the common area or any adjoining Lots, caused by this construction.
- 5. Owners are responsible for all cleanup of any improvement project. All debris, sod, soil, construction trash etc. shall be removed from the lot and hauled to the proper waste sites within seven (7) days of the completion of the project.
- 6. Homeowners shall be held responsible for the acts of their employees, subcontractors and any other persons or parties involved in construction or alteration of the home site. The responsibilities include but are not limited to the following:
  - a. Ensuring that the construction site, community properties and roadways are kept clean and free of all debris and waste materials, and that stockpiles of unused materials are kept in a neat and orderly fashion.

b. Prohibiting the consumption of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs or other intoxicants that could hamper the safety or well-being of others on the site.

#### **Air Conditioners**

- 1. No air conditioners shall be mounted through a window, door or hung on an exterior wall.
- 2. Replacement of air conditioner components shall be in their original location unless approved by the ACC.

#### **Antennae and Satellite Dishes**

- 1. All outside antennas, antenna poles, antenna masts, electronic devices, satellite dish antennas or antenna towers are subject to the approval of the ACC. All antennas not covered by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules are prohibited.
- 2. No such equipment may interfere with the radio or television reception of other homes.
- 3. The ACC requires that all such items be screened from view and that the installation of the antenna comply with all applicable safety restrictions, including any restrictions as to location and height of antenna as imposed by applicable fire codes, electrical codes, zoning codes, and building codes.
- 4. All antennae and satellite dishes should be either ground mounted on a stand-alone pole or mounted on the rear wall or rear sidewall of the house so as to not be visible from street.
- 5. Satellite dishes that are ground mounted shall be installed at no greater distance than eight (8') feet from the house and preferably in a screened or fenced area.
- 6. All installations shall meet the minimum wind load requirements of the Florida Building Code (latest edition) concerning wind resistance and other applicable requirements.
- 7. Homeowners shall not permit their antennae and satellite dishes to fall into disrepair or to become a safety hazard, and shall be responsible for their maintenance, repair and replacement, and the correction of any safety hazard.
- 8. If antennae or satellite dishes become detached, Homeowners shall remove or repair such detachment within seventy-two (72) hours of the detachment. If the detachment threatens safety, the Association may remove the antennae or satellite dish at the expense of the Owner, without prior notice.

#### **Security/Video Cameras**

- 1. Cameras may be installed only after written approval is obtained from the Association's ACC. As a condition of installing cameras, the Homeowner, including his or her successors and assigns, shall defend and hold harmless the Association from any and all claims for damages that relate to or concern the installation, operation, maintenance and use of cameras. This obligation by the Homeowner shall include the obligation to maintain, repair and replace any and all portions of the Home or Lot that are damaged, either directly or indirectly, by the installation, operation, maintenance, use and removal of any camera or cameras.
- 2. Cameras shall be installed on the exterior of a Home in accordance with these rules as amended from time to time and shall be limited in number and size. Specifically, one Home may have up to eight (8) cameras on the exterior of the Home, provided that no more than four (4) of those cameras shall be visible when viewing the front elevation of the Home from the

street. No camera installed on the exterior of a Home shall exceed seven (7) inches in length, four (4) inches in height and four (4) inches in width. All cable and conduit connected to or supporting a camera shall be concealed from view behind a wall, fascia board or soffit board.

- 3. Cameras on the exterior of the Home shall be foxed to exterior walls, soffit boards, or fascia boards. Cameras are not permitted in any other location on the Lot, including but not limited to roof tops. Cameras that rotate, pivot, or move by remote control shall not be moved or positioned in a manner that may violate the privacy of another resident or that may impair a person's quiet enjoyment of their Home or Lot.
- 4. Cameras shall be of the same color as any wall, soffit board, or fascia board to which they are affixed. Wiring must not be visible.
- 5. No camera shall be installed in any manner or location that will violate the privacy of another person or their peaceful enjoyment of the Properties.
- 6. The installation of cameras in no way implies any responsibility whatsoever on the part of the Association, including but not limited to its Board of Directors, ACC, staff, volunteers, officers, directors, employees, managers, managing agents, access control personnel, agents, or legal representatives. The Association, as defined above, shall not be held liable, or otherwise responsible, for damaged property, illegal activity, personal injury, or death.
- 7. The Association's approval of a Homeowner's request to install cameras is not a guarantee of safety or protection of any person or property of any kind. All people on the Properties, including but not limited to, owners, tenants, guests, invitees, employees, management personnel, access control personnel, vendors, and contractors, are strongly encouraged to provide for their own security measures and take proper safety precautions, as they each deem appropriate and necessary in their own discretion and judgment. Each person shall be responsible for providing his or her own insurance coverage for their health, safety, and property.

#### Awnings

 No permanent or retractable awnings (metal, fabric, wood, plastic, or other materials) are permitted.

#### Barbecues/Smokers/Grills/Fire pits

- 1. Barbecue grills, smokers and built-in barbecue units shall be located within the rear side setbacks of the home. Their location must be carefully planned to minimize smoke or odors affecting neighboring properties.
- 2. If not screened from view of the neighboring property by a fence, they must remain covered when not in use.
- 3. Outdoor wood burning is prohibited except in a fire pit used on an uncovered patio or an open area of pavers or concrete within the rear yard. When not in use, a fire pit may be stored on a lanai or in a screened enclosure. The fire pit must have a wire screen mesh covering, be freestanding and kept in good working condition, An Alteration Application is required.

#### **Berms**

1. Except as installed by the developer or builder, earthen berms shall not be permitted.

#### **Buffer Landscaping Between Lots**

- 1. Side yards between Lots may be landscaped with plant materials to provide visual screening. Continuous linear runs shall not exceed twenty-five (25) feet in length and must be at least ten (10) feet back from the front corner of the house (same as Fence Guidelines), Normally, no more than one (1) landscape buffer will be permitted on each side of a Lot. Curvilinear shrub hedges augmented by ornamental, shade and/or palm trees are preferred.
- Buffer landscaping shall not be located any closer than five (5) feet to the property line as measured from the tree trunk or plant material's main trunk. Buffer landscaping shall not extend into any front yard setbacks or obstruct the vision and safety of vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
- 3. All buffer landscaping shrubs shall be planted and maintained so as to form a continuous, unbroken 80% visual screen within one year of installation. Shrubs shall consist of one predominant species, shall be planted thirty inches (30") apart, on center, with each plant having a minimum size of three gallons, thirty-six inches (36") tall and eighteen inches (18") wide at the time of planting and maintained to achieve a minimum of forty-eight inches (48") in height within one (1) year of planting.
- 4. On view corridor Lots, shrub material from the rear building set back to the property line shall be maintained at a four (4) foot height to ensure visibility. The selection of buffer landscaping species shall be made from the approved Plant Materials List.

#### **Canopies**

1. The installation of a canopy (fabric gazebo) is not permitted. Exception will be for private parties and such fixtures or decorations may be installed 24 hours prior to and must be removed within 24 hours after the party. No other type of sunshade, tent, or canopy cover will be approved.

#### Car Covers

1. Car covers or wheel covers, including tarps, are not permitted outside the home, only in the garage.

#### **Carriage Lights**

1. Carriage light sizes and locations must harmonize with the front elevation of the house. A picture with color and dimensions shall be attached to the Modification Request. Lights shall be black, brown, white, or natural metal in color.

#### **Decks and Concrete Patios**

- 1. All decks and patios shall be in the rear yard of the lot and not visible from the street in front of the house.
- 2. All decks and patios shall be solid poured concrete or concrete pavers in an earth tone color to complement the color palette of the house. Wooden or composite material decks may be considered based on the grade and terrain of the lot and will be reviewed by the ACC on a case-by-case basis.
- 3. Concrete pavers shall be installed according to manufacturer's recommended specifications and, at a minimum, over weed block fabric and level tamped sand or similar material. Color should be consistent with any existing pavers installed by the developer and/or earth-toned to match the home.
- 4. Spaces between concrete pavers shall be sanded or grouted. Grass and weeds shall not be permitted to grow between pavers.
- 5. The size of decks and patios shall be determined by the available space per lot and may not cover more than twenty five percent (25%) of the total lot area excluding any building, structures, and paved areas.
- 6. Construction of decks and patios shall not adversely affect any designed and approved drainage pattern for this or any other Lot.
- 7. Deck rails cannot exceed forty-eight inches (48") in height from decking and shall match the material and color of the decking or trim of the home or be ornamental aluminum to match the color of the house window frames. Deck rails may not extend past the deck or patio and must have a continuous top rail that is free of decorative finials to serve as a handrail.

#### Dog Houses, Kennels and Runs, Invisibles Fences

- 1. All dog houses will be located in a fenced rear yard and within the side setbacks of the house. All fencing must comply with Article X, Section 13 of the Declaration.
- 2. The exterior colors and materials must relate to the exterior of the house in which they are located or blend with the environment. The height of the doghouse may not exceed the height of the fence. These are subject to the proper maintenance, care, and appearance as with any structure.
- 3. Dog houses shall be a minimum of fifteen feet (15') from any neighboring property line.
- 4. The placement of dog houses must also take into consideration safety concerns, noise minimization, the possibility of offensive odors, etc.
- 5. Dog runs (partial fencing of an area) and kennels are not permitted.
- 6. Invisible fences need approval prior to installation and are only permitted in detached single-family homes.
- 7. Invisible fencing wiring must be buried no less than six inches (6") inside the lot line. No alterations of the yard grade shall be permitted with the installation of such system.
- 8. Regardless of the method of restraint used, including invisible fencing, pet owners are responsible for assuring that their pets do not run free. Pet owners are liable for any damage to persons or property caused by their pets.

#### **Doors**

1. Doors may be replaced with doors that are similar in style and composition. Requests for replacement doors shall be submitted including pictures and color choices. All Front Doors must comply with Article, X, Section 27 of the Declaration.

#### **Driveways and Entrances to Garage**

- 1. Driveways and entrances to garages may be concrete or interlocking stone or brick pavers which complement the color scheme of the home.
- 2. New or replacement driveways and modifications to driveways with asphalt, loose gravel, stabilized rock, and sand base, etc. will not be allowed.
- 3. Additional walking area(s) adjacent to the driveway which extends the overall total driveway width not more than four (4) feet (two (2) feet on each side of the existing driveway will be considered for approval. The extension should match the existing driveway in design, material, and color; however, paver extensions that complement the color of an existing concrete driveway will be considered. Samples of the pavers and photos of the existing driveway should be submitted with the application. No driveway expansion shall be permitted beyond the external side lines of the garage.
- 4. Screen doors are not permitted for garages; the garage doors should remain closed when not in use.

#### **Elevations (change in Facade including reconstruction)**

- 1. Changes in the outside appearance of the facade will not be permitted unless these features are or were currently offered by the builders as an option.
- 2. No vinyl siding will be permitted.
- 3. All reconstruction including roofs shall be of the same or substantially similar material, colors, etc. as the original construction of the house.

#### Elevations (change in Grade)

- 1. No owner shall excavate or extract earth (dirt) from a Lot for any business or commercial purpose.
- 2. No elevation changes shall be permitted which materially affect surface grade of surrounding Lots or change the flow and drainage of surface water at Arden Park.

#### **Encroachment and Plantings on Common Grounds**

- No extension of the landscaping of home sites will be permitted onto Association common grounds.
- 2. Residents shall not put trees, bushes, plantings, bird baths, lawn ornaments, planters, bird feeders, flower pots, picnic tables, furniture, fences, walks, hedge enclosures and other types of groupings on common grounds or other Association property.

#### **Exterior Maintenance of Structures and Grounds**

- 1. Lots and houses shall be maintained in a neat and attractive manner at all times.
- 2. Note: After proper notification is given to the Owner, the Association has the right to enter a property and complete any repairs or maintenance if the Owner does not respond within the specified period of time. Should the Association contract for providing the needed maintenance, the cost of materials labor administrative charges and out-of-pocket expenses for the Association plus any attorney fees will be charged against the homeowner and a lien immediately placed against the property if not paid within ten (10) days of receipt of invoice for the charges.

#### **Exterior Painting and Approved Color Schemes**

- 1. Only those colors noted on the Approved Paint Colors Exhibit are permitted.
- 2. Prior to painting, each Owner must submit to the ACC a color plan showing the color of all exterior surfaces that shall include samples of the actual colors to be utilized and the materials.
- 3. <u>Alteration Applications submitted without color samples will be returned</u>. No house may have more than three colors (base, trim, accent door colors).
- 4. The body of the house (base color) must have a flat, eggshell, satin, or semi-gloss finish; no gloss or high gloss finishes are permissible. If an Owner is proposing to paint doors and trims with gloss or high gloss, this needs to be noted on the Alteration Application.
- 5. There must be a minimum distance of one home to either side and in front of the applicant's home before a color combination can be repeated.

#### Fencing

No fences are approved for installation without the express, prior written approval of the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) of the Arden Park Master Homeowners Association, Inc. (HOA) and are subject to Article X, Section 13 of the Declaration. Please note that the ACC has up to 30 days to act on an application. PLEASE PLAN YOUR PROJECT ACCORDINGLY.

#### 1. Standard lots

- a. Privacy fences: Installed for the purpose of enclosing the backyard.
  - i. Are to be six-foot (6') high tongue and groove style tan/beige PVC.
  - ii. Must be a setback a minimum of 10' from face of the home. If part of the front face of the home is set deeper, the minimum setback is 5' on that particular side (see sketch on page 9).
  - iii. For lots that have street access from both the front and the back of the lot, there must be a minimum setback of 5' from the sidewalk at the rear of the property. These properties must also install a 5' gate in the rear panel of the fence.

- iv. The fence must be installed immediately inside the property line. Also remember that the fence is on your property, and you are responsible for maintaining the property up to the property line. This means that you are responsible for trimming the grass on the outside of the fence up to your property line (Exception when aluminum picked fence is placed around the perimeter of a swimming pool to meet county code.)
- b. <u>Aluminum picket fence:</u> Shall be four foot (4') or five foot (5') high black aluminum open picket style commonly referred to as the Key West style. Maximum five (5) feet in height.

#### 2. Corner lots

- <u>ALTERNATE "A"</u> Four foot (4') or five foot (5') high black aluminum open picket style 5' off the sidewalk, OR
- <u>b.</u> <u>ALTERNATE "B"</u> Six foot (6') high tan/beige PVC tongue and groove style 5' off the sidewalk.

#### 3. Waterfront lots - & Storm water Management Areas (Dry/Wet Ponds)

- <u>a.</u> <u>ALTERNATE "A"</u> Four foot (4') or five foot (5') high black aluminum fencing on side yard then tapering down to four feet (4') on back of lot is allowed or
- <u>b.</u> <u>ALTERNATE "B"</u> Six foot (6') high tan PVC privacy fence on side yards the last eight foot (8') then tapers down as it approaches the rear property line will then transition in height to match the rear fence. The rear fence may be four-foot (4') high black aluminum open picket style fencing or six-foot (6') high tan PVC open picket style fencing with access to the back of the fence to maintain the waterfront area.

#### 4. Conservation lots

- <u>a.</u> <u>ALTERNATE "A"</u> Four foot (4') or five foot (5') high black aluminum fencing on side yard then tapering down to 4' on back of lot is allowed OR
- <u>b.</u> <u>ALTERNATE "B"</u> Six foot (6') high tan PVC privacy fence on side yards the last eight foot (8') then tapers down as it approaches the rear property line will then transition in height to match the rear fence. The rear fence may be four-foot (4') high black aluminum open picket style fencing or six-foot (6') high tan PVC open picket style fencing with access to the back of the fence to maintain the conservation area.

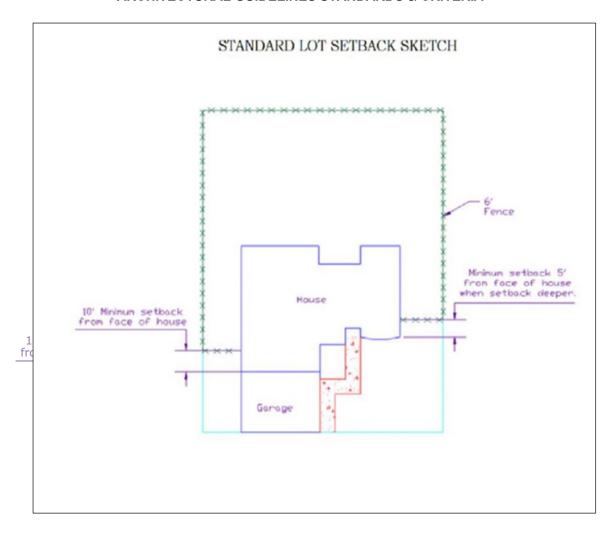
#### 5. General Conditions

- a. Due to utilities and drainage, front yards may not be fenced.
- b. All PVC fencing mist be tan/beige tongue and grove style, often referred to as the Lexington style. Panels look the same on both sides. Maximum height will be 6'. Fences that abut a perimeter wall or fence must be tapered down to meet the same height of the perimeter wall or fence so as not to exceed its height.

- c. Please attach a copy of your lot survey to your alteration application with desired location of fence sketched onto it and denoting setbacks in number of feet. (Please use different color or line style to distinguish survey from alterations).
- d. Any existing fence installed on neighboring lots must be indicated on the alteration application. Applicant must include the color, height, material, and location of the neighboring fence.
- Applications must also include a photo of the intended fence sample being applied for.
- f. Once approved, the installation must be completed within 90 days.
- g. Fencing must remain in "like new" condition at all times. "Like new" condition means that regular cleaning of the fence would be needed to keep the crisp, clean appearance. "Like new" also means that any repairs to maintain the vertical nature of the fence should be performed on an as needed basis. At no time will bent, warped, unstable or loose fence panels or posts be allowed for a period of longer than seven days, seven days being deemed a reasonable time period to perform said repairs.
- h. Fences must have the prior approval of the ACC and must be constructed of materials described above and shall be built to conform to all manufacturer's specifications.
- i. Fences shall be at a height of six feet with the exception of fences on lots with view corridors such as ponds and conservation areas or other view enhanced areas. The view corridor fence shall be gradually reduced to a height of four (4) feet or the last eight (8) feet of fence that abuts the view corridor.
- j. All fences that will abut an existing fence or perimeter wall must be installed with the final end side section graduating in height so that the last panel meets the height of the existing fence or perimeter wall.
- k. Fences shall not be installed flush to the ground in order to prevent blockage of storm water drainage.
- I. If a lot has an existing fence from a neighboring lot, the existing fence line may not be extended using the opposite approved fence material (i.e., a vinyl fence may not be extended using aluminum fencing, and vice versa).
- m. It is recommended that fences not be installed in drainage or utility easements. However, if the ACC grants permission for a fence to be installed in a drainage easement it is the responsibility of the homeowner to correct any changes in drainage on the homeowner's home site or adjoining home sites at the homeowner's expense.
- n. Should the Association, City, or County be required to correct a drainage or utility situation either above or underground on lots affected by swales, rear yard drains, or easements, the homeowner is responsible for all costs associated with the removal and reinstallation of the fence installed in said easement.
- o. No posts or stringers may be visible from the outside of the fence.

- p. Notwithstanding any other governmental regulations, any side fencing on a typical or regularly shaped corner lot shall be located no more than one-half of the distance between the side wall of the house and the side property line that is next to the side street. The measurement for the distance of this fence shall start at the side wall of the house. Fence setbacks on irregularly shaped corner lots will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
- q. Fences for corner lots require close coordination with the ACC due to their unique layout and concerns for vehicle visibility/safety and compliance with existing easements and county building code setback requirements. The ACC will also take into consideration how a home abutting this lot will be affected due to the front setback requirements for the abutting lot.
- r. Except where easements or swales exist, fences will be installed no more than six
   (6) inches inside the property line. Alleyways between fences will not be permitted.
   (Exception when aluminum picket fence is placed around the perimeter of a swimming pool to meet county code.)
- s. Irrigation systems must be reconfigured to provide complete coverage outside of the fenced area.
- t. Any and all required governmental approvals/permits for fence construction are the responsibility of the homeowners and must be obtained prior to construction. It is the responsibility of the Owner to comply with all City, County, and/or Association requirements, whichever is most stringent.

The Association reserves the right to prohibit fencing of certain lots due to aesthetic reasons.



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#### **Front Entry of Home**

- 1. Front entry into the home may not be screened but must be left open as constructed by the builder of the home.
- 2. No front entry shall be used for storage of any kind (this includes

#### shoes). Front Roof Changes

- 1. No changes other than skylights will be permitted on any roof which is visible from the front of the house.
- 2. All shingle replacements must be dimensional with a thirty (30) year life.

#### Garage

- 1. No garage shall be enclosed or converted into a living area and must at all times be used as a garage for car storage or storage of Owners personal property.
- 2. No screening is allowed temporarily or permanently on garage door openings.
- 3. Garage doors shall remain closed when the garage is not in use.
- 4. Unless this is the primary garage, stand-alone garages, and secondary garages accessible by side or rear yards are not permitted.
- 5. Replacement of garage doors shall meet current County codes at the time of replacement. If there is more than one (1) garage door and the new door cannot be an exact match, then all doors must be replaced at the same time.
- 6. Garage doors must be painted the same color as the body of the house, Design monograms and anything other than a solid door, with the exception of windowpanes in the top most panel of the door, are not permitted.

#### Garbage and Trash —Screening of Containers and HVAC Equipment

- 1. All garbage cans and other garbage containers shall be kept inside the garage, on the side yard, or in the rear yard. If stored on the side or rear of the home, they must be screened to conceal them from view of neighboring Lots and streets, except on the day of collection. (TIP: If storing garbage cans inside the garage, placing one or two untreated charcoal briquettes inside the trash can after each trash pick-up day can eliminate odors.)
- 2. Acceptable screens shall be of material and color compatible with the design of the residence and may include landscaping or fencing. White fencing is not permitted. Temporary fencing and/or screens are not permitted.
- 3. If enclosed, overall height of the enclosure, including posts shall not exceed four (4) feet. Overall length shall be kept to the minimum necessary to accomplish the screening. Overall width may not block side yard access to the rear yard. Enclosures must be set back a minimum of five (5) feet from the front edge of the home.
- 4. All screens, landscape structures or plant materials shall be located a minimum of two (2) feet from HVAC equipment to allow for adequate air circulation around the equipment but may not encroach or trespass on a neighboring property or disturb yard drainage.

- 0. If plantings are used for screening, "adequate screening' shall be plantings which initially (i.e., when first planted or installed) screens a minimum of eighty percent (80%) and which completely screens the cans or equipment within one (1) year from the date of approval.
- Garbage cans shall not be placed at the street for pick up earlier than 5pm the night before
  pick up day and empty containers shall be removed from sight the same day as pick up.
  All food refuse shall be placed in a covered receptacle to avoid attack from animals.
  Plastic garbage bags are not adequate.
- 2. Garbage and other refuse may not be accumulated or stored on any portion of the Lot.
- 0. Open burning of garbage and other refuse is not permitted.

#### **Garden Hoses**

- 1. All hoses shall be stored completely out of sight of the street.
- 2. Garden hoses shall be on a hose wrap attached to the rear of the house or on a mobile station. Hoses may be neatly coiled on the ground in a flower bed behind shrubbery out of sight from the street, common grounds, or nearby neighbors. Circular (spiral coiled) hoses shall be secured.

#### Gas Tanks (Propane and/or Natural)

- 1. Preferable installation is to have gas tanks buried. Gas tanks installed above ground shall meet applicable building code requirements.
- 2. If Owner chooses not to bury the gas tank, the tank must be screened from view of the streets and neighboring property. Appropriate screening includes fencing and landscaping.
- 3. If using landscape for screening the tank, Owner shall install no less than six (6) plants to screen tank from view of the street and other properties. Plants that are a minimum of three feet tall and that will reach a maximum 80% capacity within 12 months shall be installed and allowed to grow to the height of the gas tank. When the tank height is attained, the plants will then be properly trimmed and maintained at that height. Any dead plants shall be replaced immediately with the same type of plant of similar height.
- 4. Separate and apart from the foregoing, pursuant to the Declaration, other than one (1) portable propane tank for use with an outdoor barbeque grill, no oil tanks or bottled gas tanks shall be allowed on any Lot without the express written consent of the ACC and such tanks shall be located so they cannot be seen from other Lots, Common Area or Streets.

#### Generators

1. Permanent or hard-wired generators shall be installed and mounted on a concrete pad at the rear of the house. These generators are normally hard-wired to the house's electrical system and run off of propane.

- 2. The generator shall be installed in the back of the house or on the side with proper screening i.e., a fence.
- 3. Generators shall be screened from view from the street with shrubs or other landscaping under the same guidelines as those for screening swimming pool equipment.
- 4. The generator enclosure box shall be painted to match the exterior body color of the house unless located within a fenced yard.
- 5. The generator may only be operated when there is a power outage or for the briefest possible time to test it as required by the manufacturer.
- 6. Portable generators shall be stored in the garage and only placed outside during periods of power outage. They shall be operated in accordance with manufacturer's directions and located as far as possible from all adjacent houses.

#### **Gutters and Solar Collectors**

- 1. All gutters must match the exterior house color, trim color, or window frame color.
- 2. Gutter down spouts must not concentrate water flow onto neighboring properties.
- 3. Solar collectors must be flush mounted on the roof and whenever possible be located on the rear and side roofs of the house and should not be installed so as to be visible from the street. Roof mounted solar equipment (excluding the solar panels) must match the roof color. (Note: Roof mounted solar collectors and equipment may void builder warranties and/or the roof warranty.)
- 4. Yard mounted solar collectors are allowed within a fenced area of the yard and shall not exceed the height of the fence.

#### **Holiday Decorations**

- 1. Holiday displays in the front entryway and on the front door, along with traditional holiday lighting, do not require approval from the ACC and need not be applied for.
- 2. Holiday lights and decorations shall not create a nuisance to the adjacent residents or the community.
- 3. Holiday lights and decorations to celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, or other winter holiday, may be installed commencing on Thanksgiving and shall be removed no later than January 10<sup>th</sup> of the following year. Brackets, clips, and other holders for holiday lights that are installed on a house must be removed at the time that the lights are removed.
- 4. No more than 3 individual inflatable display items are permitted for any holiday.
- 5. Special decoration displays for Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Halloween, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, or other religious holiday may be placed on the exterior of the lot fifteen (15) days prior to the special day and must be removed seven (7) days after the special day. Brackets, clips, and other holders for holiday lights that are installed on a house must be removed at the time that the lights are removed.

6. Any displays other than those defined above will require the approval of the

#### ACC. House Numbers

- 1. To aid emergency personnel, delivery people and to conform to Orange County ordinances, each house shall have a readily visible number permanently attached to the front of the house.
- 2. The numbers shall be located over the garage door or near the entrance to the front door, in a location clearly visible from the street.
- 3. Periodically you may receive solicitations to paint your house numbers on the concrete curbing of the street. This literature is formatted in a manner to make it appear that the contractor has permission to do this work and is performing a valuable service. Please be advised that the Association did not and will not hire a contractor to perform these services.

#### <u>Irrigation</u>

- 1. Irrigation may be installed in the front, side, and rear yards of houses.
- 2. For houses where this is not the case, the lack of an installed irrigation system does not relieve you of the responsibility of maintaining your lawn and landscaping to the minimally acceptable community standards.
- 3. In periods of extreme drought and tightened water restrictions, the Association will waive the portions of the community standards requiring the replacement of dead grass and landscaping until the restrictions are lifted. After the restrictions are lifted, all dead grass and landscaping shall be replaced within thirty (30) days.

#### **Islands**

- 1. Landscaping may be grouped in an island to provide a focal point. Islands shall be a minimum of fifteen feet (15') long, three feet (3') wide and shaped in a curvilinear design.
- 2. In no case shall islands take up more than 30% of the grassy area.

#### **Landscaping**

- 1. The addition or removal of any landscaping is a landscape change subject to the power of the ACC to promulgate guidelines.
- 2. The following guidelines apply to landscape changes:
  - i. Landscaping may be added to or removed from the yard of any Lot, but only with the approval of the ACC.
  - ii. Maintenance of the lawn and landscaping shall mean at a minimum, upkeep, maintenance, and preservation of that which was initially installed by the builder of the house on the Lot.

- iii. Any Lot owner who wishes to modify and change the landscaping installed by the builder of the house on his Lot, to a Xeriscape or low water-usage design must first obtain approval from the ACC. The Alteration Application requesting this approval must be accompanied by a landscape design that is a certified Florida-friendly yard under the Florida Yards and Neighborhoods (FYN) program. Information about this program can be obtained through the Orange County website online.
- iv. The ACC encourages all Owners to follow the Florida Friendly Landscaping Principles shown below when making changes to their landscape design.
  - a. Right plant in the right place
  - b. Water efficiently
  - c. Fertilize appropriately
  - d. Mulch
  - e. Attract wildlife
  - f. Manage yard pests responsibly
  - g. Recycle yard waste
  - h. Reduce storm water runoff
  - i. Protect waterfront

#### Landscape Borders/Edging

- 1. Poured concrete curbing, concrete edging blocks, stacked stone or slate and black or green plastic edging are the only acceptable forms of edging a sample or photo of the curbing/edging shall accompany the request.
- 2. Only one style of landscape curbing and/or edging may be used in areas of the lot which are not enclosed by a privacy fence.
- 3. Poured concrete curbing shall be the natural concrete color or a natural earth tone color added to the concrete mix at time of pouring. No painting or staining will be allowed after pouring. A color chip shall accompany the request. Only stone or block may be used.
- 4. Edging blocks shall be natural concrete color or an earth tone color. A sample or photo of the edging block shall accompany the request.
- 5. Edging will be allowed around mulched areas along the perimeter of the house and may be installed around an island which measures a minimum of 150 square feet.
- 6. Edging will be allowed around individual trees if installed to a diameter of at least thirty-six (36) inches in order to contain mulch and prevent damage to trees from lawn equipment. A minimum distance of six (6) feet shall be maintained between any landscape borders.
- 7. Edging shall not be installed around lampposts, along driveways, more than one individual tree, on side or rear property lines or within the grassy area between the street and sidewalk.
- 8. Street trees may have a border as long as it matches the existing borders/edging of the home. No variation in borders/edging will be permitted.
- 9. Wire, decorative plastic, resin, and wood borders are not permitted.
- 10. No railroad ties will be permitted.

Permitted styles are poured in place stamped concrete, stone look, Keystone block, retaining
wall blocks and stacked slate. Colors may be muted tones of beige, tan, gray, terra cotta or
natural concrete.

#### **Landscape Lighting/Flood Lights**

- 1. Landscape lighting, solar or wired, may only be installed in landscaping beds and along the walk from the front door to the driveway. It may not be installed along the sides of the driveway, adjacent to the sidewalk or between the sidewalk and the street. Individual lights shall be black, white, or natural metal in color (silver, gold, bronze, or copper).
- 2. Lights must be kept in good repair.
- 3. Post mounted lights shall not exceed 12 inches in height, hanger mounted lights shall not exceed 24 inches in height from the top of the light fixture to ground level.
- 4. Lighting shall be low level and recessed to shield the source of the light. Low voltage fixtures shall be located and aimed carefully. Tree mounted lights are not allowed.
- 5. Junction boxes and other lighting hardware shall be placed below grade or screened by landscape material to minimize daytime visibility.
- 6. Lights must be directed to illuminate landscaping and not streets or sidewalks.

#### Lawns

- 1. Lawns shall be maintained in accordance with adopted policies that define the minimum community standards.
- 2. Lights shall not be spaced closer than 30 inches on center.
- 3. All Lots shall have grassed front, side, and rear lawns.
- 4. No gravel or similar type lawns will be permitted.
- 5. All lawns shall be sodded with St. Augustine or other approved Florida Friendly grass and irrigated unless dictated otherwise by local municipality. When replacing the builder installed St. Augustine sod with another type of grass, ACC approval is required.
- 6. Plant beds and trees will be mulched with mulch or earth tone river rocks (no white). It is suggested that rigid landscape edging be used to keep materials in plant beds.

#### Lawn Furnishings

1. All other types of lawn furniture will be located in the rear of the home and not be visible from the street in front of the home.

- 2. Porch Swings and patio style furniture will be the only acceptable furniture on the front porch of the home. Maximum 3 pieces, example two chairs one table or a double swing.
- 3. For safety reasons all lawn furniture shall be removed when residence is unoccupied for a period of seven (7) days or more unless prior arrangements have been made with a neighbor.
- 4. All lawn furniture shall be removed upon issuance of any storm warnings of a Tropical Storm Warning or higher.

#### **Lawn & Landscape Maintenance Standards**

The following lawn maintenance standards apply to landscaping maintained by Owners and residents of Arden Park.

- <u>1.</u> <u>Trees</u>: Trees are to be pruned as needed and shall be maintained with a canopy no lower than eight feet (8') from the ground.
- Shrubs: All shrubs are to be trimmed as needed and should be maintained at window ledge height.
- 3. Grass: Grass shall be St. Augustine unless an alternative has been approved and shall not exceed five inches (5") in height. This includes the grass between the sidewalk and the street.
- <u>4.</u> <u>Edging</u>: Edging of all streets, curbs, beds and borders shall be performed as needed to prevent grass "runners' from growing onto driveways, sidewalks, curbs and into landscape beds. Grass along the walls of the house shall be edged. Chemical edging is not permitted.
- <u>Mulch</u>: Mulch should be replenished as needed, at minimum, on a yearly basis to help control weeds. Approved colors would include earth-toned mulch such as cypress, chocolate, pine bark, etc. Red mulch is not permitted.
- 6. Insect Control and Disease. Insect and disease control shall be performed on an as needed basis. Failure to do so could result in additional liability if the disease and insect spread to neighboring properties. Sod that is killed due to insect/disease shall be removed and replaced within thirty (30) days of dying. To change the turf will require ACC approval.
- 7. <u>Fertilization</u>: Fertilization of all turf, trees, shrubs, and palms should be performed no less than three (3) times a year and according to Best Management Practices as provided by the Orange County Extension Service or the University of Florida IFAS Extension.
- <u>8.</u> <u>Irrigation:</u> Watering and irrigation will be the sole responsibility of the homeowner. It is the Owner's responsibility to comply with all applicable watering restrictions.
- <u>9.</u> <u>Weeding:</u> All beds are to be weeded every time the lawn is cut. Weeds growing in joints of curbs, driveways, and expansion joints shall be removed as needed. Chemical treatment is permitted. If landscape fabric is used, it must allow the free flow of water, air, and gasses to and from the soil.
- <u>10.</u> <u>Trash Removal:</u> Dirt, trash, plant and tree cuttings and debris resulting from all operations shall be removed and all areas left in clean condition before the end of the day. Trash may not be placed at curb until scheduled trash pick-up day.

NOTE: Based upon SFWMD and Orange County restrictions that may be placed upon irrigation during times of drought, portions of these Landscape Maintenance Standards may be suspended until such time as the restrictions are lifted.

#### Lighting

- 1. All exterior lighting shall be consistent with the character established in Arden Park and be limited to the minimum necessary for safety, identification, and decoration.
- 2. Security spotlights or flood lights shall be activated by a motion sensor.
- 3. Fixture design and location shall be compatible with the design of the home.
- 4. No spot lights, flood lights, or other high intensity lighting will be placed or utilized upon any house so that the light is directed or reflected on neighboring property.
- 5. Bollard light fixtures are not permitted.
- 6. Enclosures of light fixtures shall be designed to conceal the lamp bulb. Light bulbs may not exceed the manufacturer's recommendation for bulb wattage.
- 7. Fixtures may be incandescent, metal halide, mercury vapor, or high-pressure sodium lamps. Colored light bulbs are not allowed. Bug lights are only permitted in the rear yard.
- 8. No lighting shall be permitted that constitutes a nuisance or hazard to any owner or neighboring resident.
- 9. Post mount light fixtures shall be permitted in the rear of the house and not visible from the street in front of the house.

#### **Lightning Rods and Brushes**

- 1. Lightning rods and brushes may be installed and shall be done in a manner that is least obtrusive and uses the minimum number to accomplish the desired purpose. ACC approval is required.
- 2. Lightning rods shall not be allowed to fall into disrepair. Any lighting rods needing repair or replacement shall be repaired or replaced immediately or completely removed.

#### **Ornaments**

- 1. Ornaments or decorative embellishments include those on lawns, landscape beds, entryways and those mounted on the house that are visible from the street or common area.
- 2. Ornaments shall not exceed thirty (36) inches in any dimension; however, based upon the dynamics of the Lot and home, a variance may be considered (i.e., two story home on large Lot with tall landscape plants that will be planted adjacent to the ornament).
- 3. Ornaments of a solid color shall be white, dark green, brown, natural concrete or stone color. If made of metal, they may be the natural color of that metal.

- 4. Painted or glazed ornaments shall be as close as possible to the natural color(s) of the subject that they are depicting.
- 5. A maximum of three (3) ornaments and/or potted plants are permitted in front of the house or in the rear of a home that is not screened with a fence or other approved screening such as landscaping.
- 6. Lawn ornaments include, but are not limited to:
  - bird baths
  - o bird feeders
  - o bird or squirrel houses
  - o Decorative flags (including holiday, sports, etc.)
  - fountains
  - o patriotic display items (yellow ribbons, decals, etc.)
  - o personal items other than furniture are considered lawn ornaments
  - o plants on hooks
  - o plaques
  - potted plants
  - o statues
  - stepping stones within a landscape bed
  - sun dials
  - o tiki torch (may only be located in the rear yard of a home)
- 7. For safety reasons all lawn ornaments shall be removed when residence is unoccupied for a period of seven (7) days or more unless prior arrangements have been made with a neighbor.
- 8. All lawn ornaments shall be removed upon issuance of any storm warnings of Tropical Storm Warning or higher.
- 9. No ornaments shall be hung from trees.
- 10. Bird feeders shall be mounted five (5) feet above ground level, not visible from the street.
- 11. Multiple bird dwellings, i.e., bird coops are not allowed.
- 12. Ornaments shall not be placed down driveway perimeters, on street catch basins or on utility boxes.
- 13. Decorative buckets, plastic paint buckets and the like shall not be used.
- 14. One American flag, one POW and one U.S. Military flag and door wreaths (one per door) are not counted as ornaments.
- 15. Flower pots containing dead plants and empty flower pots shall be removed from public view immediately.
- 16. Artificial plants/trees or flower arrangements are not allowed on front entryways or lanais or in landscape beds or in tree rings.
- 17. Ornaments and flower pots displayed in sets of two or more will be counted individually. For example, a ceramic duck with two (2) ducklings is three (3) ornaments.

#### **Outbuildings, Sheds and Storage Containers**

1. No outbuildings, sheds, or other outdoor storage containers shall be permitted on any Lots.

#### Play Structures, Recreational Equipment and Toys

- 1. All exterior play and recreational equipment, including swing sets, jungle gyms, soccer goals, trampolines, or the like must be located within the rear yard of the property and must be screened from public view with a privacy fence only.
- 2. Portable goals must be stored while not in use and not left out overnight. Equipment must be kept clean and in like-new condition. White nylon nets only.
- 3. Acceptable screening includes landscaping and fences. Trampolines will only be permitted within yards that have a privacy fence and installed as described below.
- 4. All play and recreational equipment must be maintained on a regular basis by the Owner.
- 5. Tree houses and skateboard ramps are not permitted on any portion of the Lot or common properties.
- 6. All play and recreational equipment are to be placed at least seven- and one-half feet (7.5') in from the rear property line and must be located within the side setbacks of the house.
- 7. All portable play and recreational equipment, including toys, must be removed from public view when not in use, unless within a fenced rear yard. Portable play and recreational equipment include items such as toddler's playhouses, slides, climbers, basketball hoops, backboards, and other large outdoor toys which are normally made of plastics and vinyl and that are not anchored in concrete.
- 8. All portable play and recreational equipment shall be removed when residence is unoccupied for a period of seven (7) days or more unless prior arrangements have been made with a neighbor.
- 9. All portable play and recreational equipment shall be removed upon issuance of any storm warnings of Tropical Storm Warning or higher. Owners shall take all recommended actions to secure non-portable equipment in storm events to ensure that said equipment does not cause bodily injury or damage to ether's property.
- 10. Basketball equipment and trampolines may not be used from dusk to dawn.

#### Play Structures - General

- 1. Play structures include but are not limited to, gym and/or swing sets, slides, playsets, playhouses, tetherball poles, etc.
- 2. A picture and the dimensions of the play structure must be submitted with the Alteration Application.
- 3. The overall height of play structures may not exceed twelve (12) feet in height. However, the height may be reduced by the ACC based on the lot size and impact on neighboring lots. This will be determined by a site visit if deemed necessary by the ACC.

- 4. Applications for play structures must include a survey showing its intended placement. The structure's visual impact to neighboring lots and/or the street must be buffered as much as possible with approved fencing and/or landscaping.
- 5. It is preferred that canopies and "roofs" of play structures be of earth toned colors—tan, brown, olive or forest green.
- 6. Play structures must be securely anchored and installed in a manner so that strong or tropical force winds or higher will not carry it to other properties causing damage or bodily injury.
- 7. Any detachable parts on play structures must be removed and stored in a safe location upon issuance of any storm warnings of Tropical Storm Warning or higher. Owners shall take all recommended actions to secure non-portable equipment in storm events to ensure that said equipment does not cause bodily injury or damage to another's property.
- 8. Play structures must be kept in good condition at all times including repair, painting, or staining and the replacement of any canvas.
- 9. Play structures on a corner Lot should be located to the center of the Lot or on the interior side of the Lot, not on the street side. It is highly recommended that the Lot have a six-foot privacy fence.

#### Play Structures— plastic and other toys

- 1. Plastic play houses, inflatable water play items, and other toys shall be confined to the back yard and screened from public view either by fencing or landscape as defined above. When home is located on a corner lot, the play equipment should be located to the center of the rear yard or on the interior side of the rear yard rather than the street side.
- 2. All other toys and play materials shall be removed at the end of each day.
- 3. All play structures and toys shall be removed and secured inside the home in the event that storm warnings of tropical storm strength winds or higher are posted.

#### Play Structures - Permanent Basketball Goals/Hoops

- 1. Permanent basketball goals and hoops may be located in front yards or in driveways.
- 2. The height of any play equipment may not exceed 10 feet.
- 3. Mounting to a permanent pole will only be allowed under the following conditions: basketball hoops and structures must be well maintained, backboards must be clear and with a limit of two colors of trim and nets must be in good condition, the pole must be metal, either black or galvanized, and permanently mounted into the ground with a concrete base.
- 4. The base of the hoop may be no closer than 6 feet from the sidewalk (towards the home).
- Additional landscape requirements may be added depending on the design of the basketball goal or hoop installation.
- In no event shall any basketball goal or hoop be affixed to a garage or structure to the property. In no circumstances should a basketball goal or hoop be placed where it's used from the street.
- 7. The time of day permitted for playing basketball or any similar sport is one (1) hour after sunrise and one (1) hour after sunset.

#### **Ponds and Waterfalls**

- 1. A plot plan showing the location of the pond and/or waterfall must be submitted with the application. If the pond is being constructed from a kit, a picture would be helpful.
- 2. Design of these features should discourage creation of stagnant pools of water.
- 3. Ponds and waterfalls shall be located in landscaped areas within a fenced back yard and situated in a manner that does not permit sounds from the pond, waterfall, or its equipment to be a nuisance to neighboring properties.

#### Portable Storage/Moving Containers

- 1. Portable storage/moving containers (commonly known as PODS) or any similar units designed for the temporary storage or transportation of a resident's personal household goods are permitted in the community for a maximum of seven (7) days.
- 2. After proper notification is given to the Owner, the Association has the right to enter a property and have the container removed if the Owner has failed to comply with this standard. All related costs including administrative charges and out-of-pocket expenses for the Association plus any attorney fees will be charged against the homeowner account and a lien immediately placed against the property until all costs are paid.

#### Reflectors

Reflectors are not allowed.

#### **Residential Construction**

- 1. Minimum square footage of residences shall be 1,600 square living space (air conditioned).
- 2. Minimum two car garage.
- 3. No home with the exact same elevation may be built side by side on neighboring lots.

#### Roofs 8 4 1

- 1. Roofs shall be cleaned regularly as needed or within thirty (30) days of notice received by management.
- 2. Roofs shall be high grade architectural (dimensional) shingles with a thirty (30) year life.
- 3. Colors shall be shades and blends of gray or brown that coordinate with the exterior body color of the house.

#### **Roof Extensions/Covering**

1. No roof extensions (carport or overhang) for a car, boat, equipment, or any other purpose will be permitted.

#### Screen Enclosures, Patios, Porches, and Lanais

- 1. A lanai is defined as a covered structure constructed under the home's existing footprint open on one (1) to three (3) sides and, if screened, will be secured to the existing roof. A porch/patio is defined as an open slab of concrete behind a home with no roof or covering.
- 2. Screen enclosures may have shingled, Elite style insulated aluminum roofs or screened roof structures. If shingled, they shall match the existing shingles on the house and shall maintain the rear setback as required by local municipality code. If insulated aluminum panels, frame and roof color must be the same if top of roof will be visible to the street. The pitch of the roof shall meet current code requirements.
- 3. If the roof is screened, it shall be charcoal in color.
- 4. Screening shall be charcoal and of standard mesh size. No opaque or decorative screening is permitted. Framing must be bronze in color and made of aluminum.
- 5. Installation will meet all city, county, and state building codes for homes within "C" Wind Exposure Zones and be designed and built to withstand 130 mile per hour winds.
- 6. All support cables, screws and fasteners shall be of a non-corrosive material such as stainless steel.
- 7. Structural gutters may be installed but where necessary, must be adjusted to tie into existing home gutters—runoff must be directed in a manner that will not negatively affect neighboring property or common property.
- 8. Aluminum kick plates, not to exceed sixteen (16") inches are allowed on screen enclosures including screen doors. Decorative grills may not be installed on screen doors.
- 9. Sunroom walls shall have a stucco finish on the exterior to match the existing house and will be constructed at a height not to exceed thirty-six inches (36"). All construction must be in conformance with the applicable building codes.
- 10. Vinyl windows (clear or light grey) will be allowed with frames that match the color of the existing window frames. Sample of light grey tint shall be included with application.
- 11. Roof line may not exceed the height of the house.
- 12. Gable style roofs that are constructed of Elite style insulated aluminum panels will not be permitted unless the frame is bronze. Frame and roof of Elite style insulated aluminum roofs must match in color if the top of the roof will be visible to the streets or neighboring properties.
- 13. Exterior of the enclosure must be landscaped if not located within a fenced area.
- 14. Irrigation systems may require modification to ensure 100% coverage of the property. This should be a part of the Alteration Application.

#### **Screen and Storm Doors**

- 1. Screen and storm doors will not be allowed on the front of a home.
- 2. Security doors (metal grilles or bars) are prohibited.

#### **Sidewalks and Stepping Stones**

- 1. Sidewalks may be installed from the driveway to a side garage door or fence gate leading to the back yard.
- 2. Sidewalks shall be concrete pavers to match the driveway, be 30" to 36" in width, located a minimum of five feet (5') in from the property line and shall not interfere with approved drainage of the current or adjacent lots.
- 3. Stepping stones are not permitted.

#### <u>Signs</u>

- 1. "For Sale" or "For Lease": One (1) professionally made, non-digital, non-electric (or otherwise illuminated) sign constructed of metal or wood, installed on one wooden 4" by 4" post, and of not more than eight (8) square feet of surface area per side (2 sides maximum), containing no handwriting whatsoever, and used solely in connection the marketing of the affected Lot for sale or lease.
- 2. "Protected by alarm" signs are authorized in landscaping near the front and rear door. Signs shall not exceed six inches (6") by eight inches (8").
- 3. A "permit board" displaying a building permit from the applicable governmental agency is allowed if required to be posted conspicuously and must be removed once the project is finished.
- 4. Political signs are limited to two signs no larger than twenty-four inches (24") by thirty-six inches (36"). Political signs may be displayed for two weeks prior to an election and must be removed on the day following the election. Signage must not be placed in the right of way.

#### **Skylights and Solar Panels**

- 1. Skylights must be integrated as part of the roof design and require prior written approval from the ACC before installation.
- Solar water heating panels will require approval by the ACC. Any solar panels and related appurtenances and equipment shall be designed and constructed to appear as an integrated part of the building's architecture. This shall generally mean that the panels shall be roof mounted so that the top surface is flush with the roof surface with all appurtenances recessed into the building's attic.
- 3. Solar panels are preferred to not be installed on the front street-facing side of the home.
- 4. All pipes must be of a color to blend with the roof shingles and color of house.

#### **Storm/Hurricane Shutters**

 Permanently installed shutters may be accordion or roll-up style and must be approved by the ACC.

- 2. Temporary shutters include Lexan panels or similar, aluminum panels and fabric panels. While not advised, if using plywood panels, they should be marine grade and 3/4" thick.
- 3. Shutters may be closed or installed 48 hours prior to the expected arrival of a tropical storm or hurricane in the area and must be removed no later than 72 hours after the warning is lifted. Should the panels not be removed, the Association is granted an easement to the property to remove the panels and the cost of labor shall be charged to the Owner. The Association is not responsible for any damages caused by the removal or for the costs of storage of the panels.
- 4. In the event of an actual storm event causing substantial damage to the house, homeowner may request in writing, for an extension to this time period if the repairs and restoration of the house require that the panels remain attached for a longer period of time.
- 5. Shutters may not be closed or installed at any time other than during a storm event.

6. Under no circumstances may storm shutters or protective panels be used as a routine security measure.

#### **Swimming Pools and Spas**

- 1. Any swimming pool to be constructed on any home site is subject to review by the ACC.
- 2. Pool filter equipment must be placed out of view of neighboring properties and the noise level to neighboring properties must be considered in locating equipment. The need to screen equipment may be necessary. All screening must have the prior written approval of the ACC.
- 3. Pool heating equipment must comply with all applicable building, zoning, and fire codes.
- 4. Pools shall be of the in-ground type. Above ground pools are prohibited. The elevation at the top of the pool shall not be over two feet (2') above the natural grade of the lot.
- 5. Swimming pools shall not be permitted on the street side of the residence and if on a corner Lot must be screened from the street.
- 6. Spas or Jacuzzis shall be of the in-ground type with the exception of above ground types not exceeding three feet (3') in height above the existing grade level. They shall be located in the rear yard and screened from street view and the view of any neighboring property.
- 7. Screening of the pool is required either by fencing the property or by a screen enclosure that totally encloses the pool. Landscaping may be installed to provide privacy for screened enclosures. Landscaping for this purpose must receive ACC approval prior to installation.
- 8. Pool heaters and pool filters shall be screened from view from the street by either a fence or landscaping. If using landscaping, Plants shall be the same height as those planted by the builder at the A/C unit. Plants shall be properly trimmed and maintained at the height of the pool equipment. Dead plants shall be replaced immediately.
- 9. Pool overflow and drainage are required to have a small gravel drain bed (French drain) for chlorinated water to flow into.
- 10. Under no circumstances may chlorinated water be discharged onto other homeowners' lawns, community streets, or into retention ponds.

#### Trees — Planting

- 1. The originally installed trees were part of a landscape plan approved by Orange County. Street trees and some Lot trees were actually a development requirement. If relocated, all reasonable efforts must be exercised to keep them alive. If they die, they must be replaced with a tree from the approved species list from the City of Ocoee Tree Ordinance.
- 2. No tree not listed as an approved species in the City of Ocoee Tree Ordinance is permitted.
- 3. Trees planted in the front easement of the lot may only be an Oak or Magnolia. No other tree species in the front easement will be permitted.
- 4. Tree staking materials shall be adjusted on a regular basis to maintain a neat appearance and permit plant growth to occur. All staking materials shall be removed no later than one (1) year after initial installation.

5. Fruit and citrus trees will be considered by the ACC; however, they will be required to be planted in the rear of a fenced yard and must be located at a distance from the property line that will not allow encroachment of the mature tree onto a neighboring property. All fruits must be harvested promptly and not to be left on the ground.

#### Trees — Relocation

- 1. Existing trees to be relocated shall be pruned then immediately replanted, firmly secured in the ground by staking and adequately watered and fertilized until well established and rooted. Any relocating of existing trees should be done by a licensed professional who will adhere to nursery standards for relocating.
- 2. Any tree relocated due to construction, such as the installation of a swimming pool, shall in addition to the above, be barricaded against the construction activity with silt fencing or other acceptable barrier. Any relocated trees which die within one year of completion of construction shall be removed and replaced with nursery stock approved by the ACC.

#### <u>Trees— Removal or Destruction</u>

- 1. The removal or destruction of any tree and distinctive flora is a landscape change and, therefore, subject to the authority of the ACC to approve or disapprove the removal or destruction of trees.
- 2. The following guidelines shall apply to the removal or destruction of trees and distinctive flora:
  - Trees that have been planted at the direction of the builder/developer to meet City & County development requirements shall not be intentionally destroyed or removed.
  - ii. Trees which have a diameter in excess of six inches (6") measured two feet (2') above ground level, and distinctive flora shall not be intentionally destroyed or removed except with the prior approval, in writing of the ACC.
  - iii. Prior to the written approval of the ACC to remove any tree described above or distinctive flora, the homeowner shall first obtain written approval (in the form of a removal permit along with any conditions for replacing the removed tree or distinctive flora) from the governing City & County agency or department.
  - iv. The above requirements pertain to trees and distinctive flora which die, for whatever reason, and unless otherwise approved by the ACC, shall be replaced with the same species and size tree or distinctive flora as the original tree or distinctive tree flora.

#### **Trees - Street Trees**

- 1. Orange County approved a landscape plan for Arden Park that requires the planting of one or more street trees in the grassy right-of-way easement located directly adjacent and parallel to the back of sidewalk.
- 2. Other than street trees, there shall not be any plantings other than sod between the street curb and sidewalk.

- 3. Street trees may be lined with borders/edging if it matches the existing borders/edging on the lot.
- 4. Removal of the street tree is not allowed. Any street tree that dies or is badly diseased shall be replaced at the Lot Owner's expense. Approval to remove a street tree and to replace that tree does require ACC approval as well as a City of Ocoee tree removal permit.
- 5. Maintenance and repair of the street trees and easement is at the expense of the lot owner.
- 6. The clearance height of the tree foliage or canopies that span over streets and sidewalks shall be maintained with a minimum clearance height in compliance with local government requirements, thereby allowing safe passage of pedestrians and vehicles including emergency vehicles. City of Ocoee guidelines call for trees to be trimmed to a height of fourteen (14) feet over roadways and ten (10) feet over sidewalks. This trimming is to be done at the lot owner's expense.

#### Vegetable, Herb and Cutting Gardens, Compost sins

- 1. Vegetable, herb and cutting gardens shall be confined in fenced rear yard and plants shall not exceed fence. Vegetables must harvested promptly and not to be left on the ground.
- 2. Gardens shall be properly maintained during the growing season and thereafter, all dead plants, stakes or other materials shall be removed.
- Composting is only permitted in commercially manufactured bins designed specifically for suburban composting and must have ACC approval prior to placement of the bin on the Lot. Any such bin shall be covered at all times and located in rear yard and not visible from street.
- 4. Compost bins shall be located a minimum of ten feet (10') from neighboring homes.
- 5. Should an adjacent property owner complain regarding odors, rodents or other animals that are attracted to the bin, the Association will notify the Owner in writing, and they must immediately remedy the situation. In the event that the Owner does not abate the problem within ten (10) days from receipt of notice, the Association shall have the right, without further notice to enter the property and remedy the problem. All expenses incurred shall be assessed to the homeowner.

#### **Windows- Replacement, Tinting and Treatments**

- Originally installed windows may be replaced with windows of similar style. Replacement window frames shall match existing window frames unless all windows in the home are being replaced at the same time in which instance a request to change style or color may be considered by the ACC.
- 2. Owners may request to install energy conservation films on windows. Window tinting film applied to the interior of the windows shall be gray in color with no more than 21% solar reflectance's and no less than 30% light transmittance.
- 3. The degree of darkness allowed for non-reflective tinting shall remain with the ACC on a case-by-case basis. All tinting requests must be accompanied by a brochure or manufacturer's description. All requests must include a sample of the material to be used. This sample will remain with the application and will not be returned.

- 4. No silver, gold or bronze reflective colors are allowed. No reflective tinting or mirror finishes (to include aluminum foil) will be permitted.
- 5. Sheets or other temporary window covering may be used for periods not exceeding one (1) week after an Owner or tenant first moves into a House or when permanent window treatments are being cleaned or repaired, but in no case may they be in place for longer than one (1) week.