

## **Bridleton HOA Design Guidelines**

These Design Guidelines are provided to you to help establish what modifications would generally be approved, however, each modification is reviewed on a case-by-case basis and based on your specific Lot.

These guidelines are not intended to provide any preapproval and are subject to change.

All approvals are subject to the following conditions:

1. The change/improvement must not impede the flow of water in any drainage easement or swale.
2. For any portion construction in any easement, owner/applicant must hold the Association harmless for any costs associated with repair/replacement of change/improvement should the association or local municipality or local utility need to enter such easement.

## **DESIGN GUIDELINE 1**

### Fences

- Chain link fences, wooden fences or chain link dog runs are not permitted.
- The following type of fence may be approved for installation:
- Maximum five-foot wrought iron or aluminum style fence with an approved tip style.
- All fences must be black.
- Generally, fences shall not be located closer to any street than 10' in front of the rear edge of the home.
- On corner lots, the fence shall not be closer to any side street than the building line of the lot.
- All fence posts for all fences must be set in concrete.
- Generally fences styles will need to match neighboring fences.
- Fence Examples:



**Straight Topped Wrought iron or Aluminum Fence**



Spear Topped Wrought iron or aluminum fences

## **DESIGN GUIDELINE 2**

Exterior Decorative Objects, Front Porch Flower Pots, Lighting, etc.

- A Form must be submitted for all exterior decorative objects, both natural and manmade, including, but not limited to, items such as bird baths, wagon wheels, sculptures/statuary, fountains, pools, antennas, flower pots, free-standing poles of any type, flag poles, and items attached to approved structures.
- Landscape lighting should not exceed twelve (12) inches in height
- The number of landscape lights should not exceed twelve (12)
- The total wattage of landscape lighting should not exceed 100 watts, all lights are white or clear, non-glare, and located so as to cause minimal visual impact on adjacent properties and streets.
- Front doors and front entry area decorations must be tasteful and in keeping with the style and colors of the house. Plants and flowers in pots must always be neat and healthy. Neatly maintained front porch flower-pots (maximum of four (4)) that blend with the exterior color of the house, containing evergreens/flowers do not require the submission of a Form.
- Objects will be evaluated on criteria such as location, proportion, color, and appropriateness to the surrounding environment.
- Holiday decorations and lighting may be installed in a reasonable manner for the various recognized holidays. Holiday decorations and lighting may be in use until thirty (30) days after the Holiday.

## **DESIGN GUIDELINE 3**

Garden Plots

- All garden plots should be located behind the rear of the house
- The size of the plot is generally limited to 150 square feet or  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the rear yard, whichever is smaller.
- The maximum height of plants is less than four (4) feet at full growth.

- Garden plots for homes set on lots at angles and homes on corner lots will be considered on an individual basis
- No clothes lines are allowed

#### **DESIGN GUIDELINE 4**

##### Play Equipment

- Play equipment should be installed within the extended right and left sides of the house in the rear yard.
- Play equipment should not exceed fifteen (15) feet in height and will have a minimum visual impact on adjacent properties.
- All play equipment, including, but not limited to, swing sets, slides, seesaws, jungle gyms, etc., exclusive of wearing surfaces (slide poles, climbing rungs, swing seats, etc.) will generally be required to blend into the surrounding environment through the use of earthen colors comparable to dark green or brown.
- Play houses and tree houses must be located where they will have a minimum visual impact on adjacent properties. In most cases, material used must match existing materials of the home, and the tree house/play house may not be larger than 100 square feet.

#### **DESIGN GUIDELINE 5**

##### Basketball Goals

- Basketball Goal backboards should be perpendicular to the primary street on which the house is located.
- The backboard should be white, beige, light gray, or clear.
- The backboard post should be painted black.
- Basketball goals may not be attached to the house.
- Portable goals may not be maintained for periods of more than twenty-four (24) hours in the street or at the curb.

#### **DESIGN GUIDELINE 6**

##### Private Pools

- A Form is not required to be submitted for children's portable wading pools (those that can be emptied after use) that do not exceed eighteen (18) inches in depth and whose surface area should not exceed thirty-six (36) square feet.
- Pools exceeding thirty-six (36) square feet located above the ground are not allowed.
- In-ground pools must have adequate fencing. Generally, the maximum allowable pool area is 1,000 square feet.
- Glaring light sources that have a visual impact on neighboring lots will not be permitted.
- Spas and hot tubs must be screened from adjacent properties and streets.

## **DESIGN GUIDELINE 7**

### Patios and Walkways

- A patio should not extend beyond the left and right sides of the house and should not extend to within ten (10) feet of the side property lines nor further than twenty (20) feet from the rear of the home
- A patio should not exceed six (6) inches above the ground at any point.
- A walkway should not extend beyond the left and right sides of the house and should not extend to within ten (10) feet of side property lines, and
- A walkway should not exceed four (4) inches above the ground at any point.

## **DESIGN GUIDELINE 8**

### Decks

- Generally, the deck may not extend beyond the right and left sides of the home.
- Materials must be cedar, cypress, or #2 or better pressure treated wood.
- Color must be natural, stained, or painted to match the exterior of the home.
- Vertical supports for wood decks must be a minimum of four by six (4" X 6") inch wood posts or painted metal poles, boxed in to give the appearance of wood columns.
- Owners are advised that a building permit may be required for deck construction.

## **DESIGN GUIDELINE 9**

### Exterior Building Alterations

- Repainting of the house or trim should not require a Form if the color(s) are not changed.
- The original architectural character or theme of any home must be consistent for all components of the home. Once the character is established, whether it is traditional, contemporary, etc., no change may alter that character.
- A paint color change requires that the following information be submitted along with the Form:
- A paint sample or picture of the paint color used in or approved for this or another Lennar Neighborhood in the same County. The address of the home and neighborhood where the color has been approved must be identified.
- Area of home to be re-painted.
- Photograph of your home and homes on either side (in most cases, adjacent homes cannot be painted the same color).
- Storm windows and doors must be made of anodized bronze or anodized aluminum with baked enamel finish compatible with the primary and trim colors of the house.
- Plastic or metal storage sheds or other structures are not allowed.

## **DESIGN GUIDELINE 10**

### Exterior Landscaping

- Landscaping should relate to the existing terrain and natural features of the lot, utilizing plant materials native to the Southeastern United States. The amount and character of the landscaping must conform to the precedent set in the surrounding neighborhood.
- All landscape beds must be covered with natural pine straw, chopped pine bark mulch, or wood shavings.
- Edging material must be natural, either cut stone or preformed with natural edging. No smooth concrete surfaces are allowed.
- Wooden landscape edging is not allowed.
- Plastic, metal or rubber landscape edging is not allowed.
- Rocks are not permitted as landscape bed ground cover.
- No bricks are allowed as landscape edging.
- The preferred landscape bed edging is a neat four to six (4" – 6") inch deep trench. Other edging, if used, shall not exceed three (3") inches above the turf height and be of a uniform type.
- Outdoor storage of garden tools and hoses must be screened from view and kept behind shrubs. Any tools or items stored under a deck or porch must also be screened from view.

Examples of recommended landscape edging materials:







## **DESIGN GUIDELINE 10**

### **Trash Bin Enclosure Guidelines:**

- The enclosure must be constructed using compatible colors as the existing home.
- The enclosure must be attached to the either side or the rear of the home; in general, the Board will require the install to be in the least visible position from street and neighboring lot view.
- The area outside of and around the enclosure may not be used for storage for any overflow of garbage or recycling at any time.
- The trash bin enclosure must not be used to store any items other than the trash bins.
- If a homeowner possesses more than 2 trash bins, additional trash bins need to be stored out of view.
- The enclosure doors and lid must remain fully closed and secured at all times except when being accessed by the homeowner. The area around the enclosure must remain clear of clutter.
- The enclosure must be made of a weather resistant and durable material.
- A stable platform must be constructed for the trash bin to sit on if the area is uneven.
- Any enclosure not meeting these provisions will be removed at the owner's expense upon written notification; including but not limited to enclosures that were approved but have become worn/weathered and no longer meet the required standards.
- All homeowners must submit a modification request for trash bin enclosures to first be approved by the Bridleton Board before being installed.

Examples:

