

## **Towns at Druid Hills Homeowners Association, Inc.**

Thank you for your purchase of a Lennar Home! Below you will find the Design Guidelines for Towns at Druid Hills Homeowners Association, Inc. ("Association"). The Association's governing documents require that any modifications to the exterior of your home be approved by the Association.

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.

At the end of this document you will find the Association's Request for Modification Form ("Form"). This form should be completed for any modification and returned to your Association Manager with Fieldstone Association Management. The completed form can be sent to:

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A completed Form must be submitted for all modifications. THE VERBAL APPROVAL OF ANY SALES AGENT, LENNAR EMPLOYEE, OR ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE IS NOT SUFFICIENT. ALL MODIFICATION APPROVALS MUST BE IN WRITING.

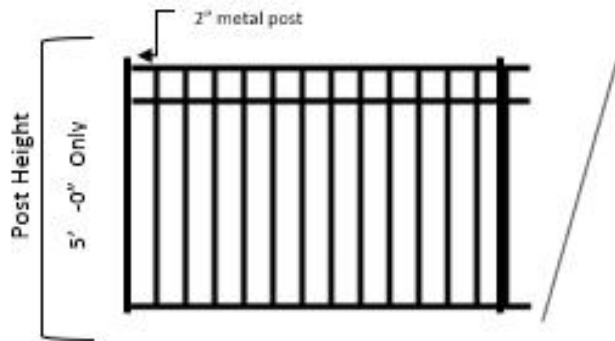
When plans are required, they must be submitted with the Form. A Form is attached to these Standards. Additional Forms are available from Fieldstone Association Management.

# **DESIGN GUIDELINES**

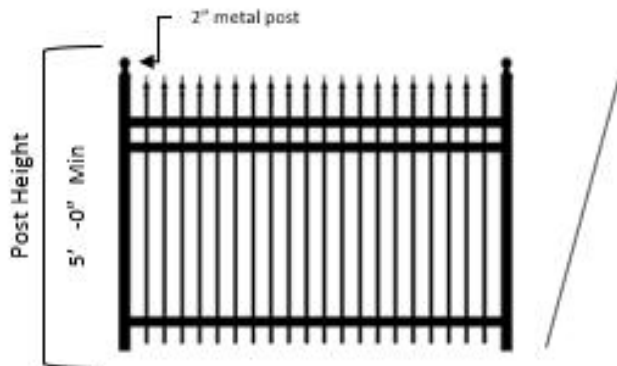
## **DESIGN GUIDELINE 1**

### Fences

- Chain link fences or chain link dog runs are not permitted.
- The following types of fences may be approved for installation:
  1. Maximum five-foot aluminum style fence with an approved tip style.
- Wrought iron or aluminum 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.
- Fences installed by homeowners must have a minimum ground clearance of 2 inches. The ground clearance must be notated on modification request.
- Fence Examples:



Straight Topped Aluminum Fence



Ornamental Spear Top Aluminum Fence



## **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

## **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**

### 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 (brown or black colored mulch only), or wood shavings.
- Rocks are not permitted as landscape bed ground cover.
- 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.

## **DESIGN GUIDELINE 9**

### 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, clear stained ONLY.
- 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 10**

### 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:
  1. 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.
  2. Area of home to be re-painted.
  3. 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.

**TOWNS AT DRUID HILLS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. - REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION REVIEW**

**PER ARTICLE 6.2, THIS APPROVAL MAY TAKE UP TO 30 DAYS FOR APPROVAL AFTER ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION IS RECEIVED**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Community \_\_\_\_\_ Lot/Block \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the Architectural Control/Covenants Committee with all information necessary to evaluate the request thoroughly and quickly. Requests must include, without limitation, the following information: site plan (including all dimensions), color chips (if applicable), detailed description of request, list of materials, pictures (if applicable), and any other information as specifically required below or as required by the Design Guidelines approved for the community.

Description of Modification Requested:

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Estimated Start Date \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Completion Date \_\_\_\_\_

Acknowledgment of Adjacent Homeowners **(all homeowners sharing common boundary line)**: This acknowledgement will be considered by the Covenants Committee but will not be binding upon the Covenants Committee. No application will be considered unless this section is completed, or the Applicant Homeowner has made a reasonable effort, in the sole discretion of the Board, to have this section completed.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Lot (\_\_\_\_) In Favor Of (\_\_\_\_) Not In Favor Of (\_\_\_\_)

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**Under each of the most common headings below, all the items listed must be submitted. Please refer to the Covenants for other necessary information required for modifications such as detached structures, outdoor play equipment, pools, etc.:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Patio or Walkway**

\_\_\_\_\_ Lot survey denoting location

\_\_\_\_\_ List of materials to be used

\_\_\_\_\_ **Exterior Decorative Objects, Front Porch Flower Pots, Lighting, Etc.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Description of object \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Location and picture or sketch of object

\_\_\_\_\_ **Garden Plot**

\_\_\_\_\_ Location and size of garden

\_\_\_\_\_ Type of plants to be grown

\_\_\_\_\_ **Fencing**

\_\_\_\_\_ Picture or drawing of fence type.

\_\_\_\_\_ Dimensions (maximum height may not exceed 6 feet; maximum span between posts shall be ten feet).

\_\_\_\_\_ Color

\_\_\_\_\_ Site plan (Plat) denoting location

\_\_\_\_\_ Crossbeam structure must not be visible from any street (must face inside toward yard).

\_\_\_\_\_ Materials

\_\_\_\_\_ All nails, screws or fasteners shall be aluminum or hot-dipped galvanized.

\_\_\_\_\_ All posts shall be anchored in concrete.

\_\_\_\_\_ Permit (if required by County/City)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Exterior Landscaping and Maintenance**

\_\_\_\_\_ Landscape plan denoting plant material and location

\_\_\_\_\_ **Play Houses**

\_\_\_\_\_ Location (must have minimum visual impact on adjacent properties)

\_\_\_\_\_ Size and Sketch

\_\_\_\_\_ Materials (in most cases, material used **should** match existing materials of home)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Private Pool**

\_\_\_\_\_ Picture or drawing of pool type.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Dimensions (maximum size 1,000 square ft.)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Color (must be blue or white).  
\_\_\_\_\_ Site plan denoting location.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Type of lighting source.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Landscape plan

\_\_\_\_\_ **Deck/Porch**

\_\_\_\_\_ Picture or Drawing (deck must match any existing deck).  
\_\_\_\_\_ Dimensions  
\_\_\_\_\_ Color (must be natural, clear stained ONLY).  
\_\_\_\_\_ Site plan denoting location (in most cases may not extend past sides of home).  
\_\_\_\_\_ Materials (must be cedar, cypress or No. 2 grade or better pressure-treated wood).

\_\_\_\_\_ **Exterior Building Alterations / Paint (Submit only if other than original paint color)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Color  
\_\_\_\_\_ Area of home to be repainted.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Photograph of your home plus homes on either side (in most cases adjacent homes cannot be painted the same colors).

\_\_\_\_\_ **Storm Windows/Doors**

\_\_\_\_\_ Picture or drawing of all windows/doors on which storm windows/doors will be installed.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Picture depicting style of storm window/door to be installed.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Color (window/door trim must be baked enamel and color must be compatible with primary and trim colors).

\_\_\_\_\_ **Building Additions**

\_\_\_\_\_ Location of addition and size of lot.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Size, color, and detailed architectural drawing of addition.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Materials (material used **must** match existing materials of home).  
\_\_\_\_\_ Building permit (if required).

Note: I understand and agree that no work on this request shall commence until written approval of the Covenants Committee has been received by me. I represent and warrant that the requested changes strictly conform to the community Design Guidelines and that these changes shall be made in strict conformance with the Design Guidelines. I understand that I am responsible for complying with all city and county regulations.

Neither Fieldstone Realty Partners, LLC, the Association Board of Directors, the Association Advisory Committee or the Association Covenants Committee nor their respective members, Secretary, successors, assigns, agents, representatives or employees shall be liable for damages or otherwise to anyone requesting approval of an architectural alteration by reason of mistake in judgment, negligence or non-feasance, arising out of any action with respect to any submission. The Architectural Review is directed toward review and approval of site planning, appearance and aesthetics. None of the foregoing assumes any responsibility regarding design or construction, including, without limitation, the structural integrity, mechanical or electrical design, methods of construction, or technical suitability of materials. I hereby release and covenant not to sue all of the foregoing from/for any claims or damages regarding this request or the approval or denial thereof.

Owner's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE USE**

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Covenants Committee Member

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Not Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Conditions \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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