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Dear Resident:

The Deodar Plantation Homeowner's Board, having the authority to adopt and the power to enforce reasonable rules and regulations, will periodically review its Standards.

For the last several months we have been doing just that, with the intent of making the language as clear and informative as possible. Questions and inquiries from residents were a factor in a number of these revisions, and we were thankful for the input.

Attached are the updated architectural and environmental Standards, endorsed by the Board and Architectural Control Committee (ACC). It's important that everyone become familiar with this document if we are to maintain a safe and desirable community.

For general questions contact: Betty Gardner, President betty@deodarplantation.org

For a Home Improvement Application or construction issues, Visit our website <u>http://deodarplantation.org</u> You will find all the pertinent documents posted and available for review.

You can email questions or completed applications to: Tony Seaman, ACC Chairman at <u>acc@deodarplantation.org</u> for review and approval.

> The Deodar Plantation Homeowner's Association Architectural Control Committee



DEODAR PLANTATION HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE STANDARDS

ACC Standards

Preamble

Deodar Plantation is subject to architectural and environmental review by the Architectural Control Committee (ACC). Each owner acknowledges that the décor, color scheme, and design of his or her home is consistent and harmonious with the other homes in Deodar Plantation. Each owner also agrees to maintain his or her lot and home in such a manner as to maintain and perpetuate visual harmony within the community.

Guidelines

Approval from the ACC is always required before construction begins. Approval from the ACC does not constitute approval from the City of Aiken, and a permit from the City of Aiken does not constitute approval from the ACC. The correct order is first to apply to the ACC for approval, then to the City of Aiken for a permit, if required.

1. Storage Sheds and Other Structures

- 1.1. Any storage shed, gazebo, pergola, greenhouse, or other added structure must first have approval *from the ACC*, and contain no more than 168 square feet of floor space.
- 1.2. Sheds and other structures must be placed on the rear of a fenced lot, at least 10 feet from the property lines, and must not have any portion of the structure below the side wall height visible from the street.
- 1.3. Sheds and other structures are to be single story and must not exceed 12 feet total height at the ridge.
- 1.4. Sheds and other structures must not have a cinder block exterior surface; wood, metal, or resin/plastic are acceptable.
- 1.5. Sheds and other structures must be painted a neutral color to match the fence or a color of the home, and must have the same type and color shingles as the house. Metal roofs are acceptable but must be black or slate gray to match the color of the home.
- 1.6. Sheds and other structures cannot be sold separately from sale of entire property, including the main dwelling unit, and shall not be sublet.

2. Sports Goals and Related Objects

- 2.1. Permanent basketball goals may not be erected in the front or side yard of the house, and only behind the house at the rear of a fenced yard.
- 2.2. The basketball goal backboard, net, mounting bracket, and/or post must be kept in useable condition and acceptable appearance, or it will be required to be removed at the homeowner's expense.

- 2.3. Portable goals are allowed if stored behind the owner's fence or house when not in use.
- 2.4. Basketball goals, whether permanent or portable, must be located so that stray basketballs do not become a nuisance in adjacent yards or cause a safety hazard to vehicle traffic.
- 2.5. Portable goals shall not be used so that play occurs in the street.
- 2.6. Soccer goals, lacrosse goals, volleyball, badminton nets or similar recreational items may not be permanently placed in the front yard of the house or so that play occurs in the street. Temporary/portable items may be placed in the front yard during use, so long as play does not occur in the street. Homeowner must ensure that stray balls do not become a nuisance in adjacent yards or cause a safety hazard to vehicle traffic. Such temporary/portable items shall not be left in the front yard when not in use.

3. Patio Covers

3.1. All patio covers must have ACC approval before work begins.

- 3.2. Patio covers shall be constructed of materials that complement the house.
- 3.3. Patio covers may be made of vinyl, aluminum, wood, or fabric.
- 3.4. If attached to the house, patio covers must be integrated into the existing roof line.

4. Room Additions

4.1. All room additions must have ACC approval before work begins.

- 4.2. Room additions will only be considered if they are constructed of materials that match the existing siding and are roofed with material matching the rest of the house.
- 4.3. A copy of the final city approval must be turned in to the ACC at the end of the project as part of the ACC approval.

5. Roofing

- 5.1. Any re-shingling must be of the color black or gray (slate), classic or architectural, and *must have ACC approval before work begins.*
- 5.2. Only shingles are allowed on the main living space. No metal roofs are allowed.

6. Exterior Paint

- 6.1. *Color changes must be approved by the ACC*. Chosen color schemes should be generally expressive of the community's character. The color of brick used on the house and color of neighboring houses are taken into consideration. The use of earth tones and natural colors are encouraged. Bold or primary colors are prohibited.
- 6.2. All paint and siding must be kept clean and well maintained.
- 6.3. Any repainting or repair to an original or previously approved color scheme of an existing structure may proceed without application to the ACC. All other painting, repair, and refurbishing work must be submitted to the ACC for approval, including front doors, rear doors, garage doors, siding, trim, eaves, downspouts, shutters and fencing.

7. Front Doors, Storm Windows, and Storm Doors

- 7.1. Front doors may be stained a natural wood color, or painted the same color as the house trim without application to the ACC. Otherwise, color must follow the guidelines of Section 6, and application be made to the ACC for approval.
- 7.2. All front-facing storm doors must be full glass. The frames of the storm windows and doors must be of a color compatible with the exterior house colors and appearance of the house. Paint colors must follow the guidelines of Section 6.
- 7.3. All screens on the front door are to be metal framed.

8. Decks

8.1. All decks must have ACC approval before work begins.

- 8.2. Decks may not encroach into any utility easement unless the utility company involved has granted written consent to such encroachment. It shall be the sole responsibility of the homeowner to secure said consent from the respective utility company.
- 8.3. Decks shall be situated on a lot such that they do not pose a drainage problem to the lot or any neighboring lot.
- 8.4. Decks shall be level with the rear entry door.
- 8.5. Decks shall be constructed using only materials approved for such use.

9. Swimming Pools and Hot Tubs

9.1. All swimming pools and spas must have ACC approval before work begins.

9.2. A pool or hot tub may not encroach into any easement unless the utility company involved has granted written consent to such encroachment. It shall be the sole responsibility of the homeowner to secure said consent from the respective utility company.

9.2.1. Pools and Hot Tubs:

- a. Must meet all building lines and easement restrictions on the recorded plat.
- b. May only be placed within the fenced-in portion of the property, and comply with applicable city statutes and codes.
- c. Must keep tools and equipment screened from public view.
- 9.3 Above ground hot tubs may be permitted if the spa is self-contained within a frame designed to be mounted on an appropriate slab or support system, and is visually appealing.
- 9.4 Above ground pool may be permitted if the sidewalls are no taller than 48 inches.

10. Antennas

- 10.1. Small satellite dishes must be installed on the back third of the house or ground whenever possible.
- 10.2. No radio, citizen band, or television aerial wire or antennal shall be allowed anywhere except those which are fully enclosed within the structures of the house.
- 10.3. No microwave or other satellite dishes, antennas, receivers, or transmitters are allowed.

11. Exterior Lighting

- 11.1. Exterior lighting shall be of a wattage or lumen count that will not disturb neighboring homeowners.
- 11.2. Exterior decorative lights, security lights, or floodlights must be aimed to provide light only to the homeowner's property, and not to shine on any neighboring property.
- 11.3. Mercury vapor, fluorescent, or sodium halide lights are not permitted.

12. Wind Turbines and Ventilators

- 12.1. No wind turbines or wind powered electrical generators or pumps shall be allowed.
- 12.2. Attic ventilators must be finished to complement the roof or trim color. They must be kept in good
- 12.3. condition, lubricated, near-silent, and without rust or corrosion.

13. Solar Panels

- 13.1. All solar panels must have ACC approval before work begins.
- 13.2. Solar panels may be placed on rear-facing roofs and walls flush with the surface on which they are mounted.
- 13.3. Because some locations within our development are requiring solar panels to be placed in areas other than rear facing roofs, we have revised our standards to address this situation. Homeowners should understand that the size and location of any solar system, is a sensitive subject as it relates to keeping the look and feel of the natural surroundings that our Covenants and Standards seek to protect. The following, are general guidelines that will be used in considering any system for approval by the ACC.
- 13.4. Construction drawings for the proposed installation must be provided. They should be drawn to show the location and number of solar panels, attachment to roof structure, and location of any other exterior system components.
- 13.5. A sample or illustrated brochure of the proposed solar unit, which clearly depicts the unit and defines the material used, should be submitted with the application.
- 13.6. Solar panels, wherever possible, should be installed on the plane of the roof (flush mounted).
- 13.7. Solar panels must be firmly secured to the roof in accordance with local building codes.
- 13.8. Solar panels or other components not mounted on the roof (ground mounted) must be installed within the specific lot setbacks as indicated by the plat. Ground mounted panels shall be screened/fenced from view, from adjacent properties.
- 13.9. All exterior plumbing and electrical lines must be painted in a color scheme consistent with the structure and materials adjacent to the pipes.
- 13.10. If aluminum trim is visible, it shall be anodized or color treated.

Approvals will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Approval may be granted for some locations and not others simply based on how dominant the system appears in the view of the neighbors and as judged by the appropriate ACC.

If at any time the condition or appearance of the solar system becomes unsightly or in disrepair, the homeowner is responsible for the removal and or repair to bring home back into compliance with our Covenants and Standards.

14. Fences, Fence Extensions, and Fence Modifications

14.1. All fences, extensions, and modifications must have ACC approval before work begins.

- 14.2. No fence other than wood or vinyl shall be accepted. No chain link is permitted on any lot.
- 14.3. No fence shall be taller than six (6) feet from the ground.
- 14.4. All fences shall have the post and stringers on the back yard side of the fence. Pickets must face out with the exception of shadowbox fences.
- 14.5. No fence shall be closer than 12 feet from the front corner of the house unless previously approved by the Board. No fence shall prevent open access to utility meters and equipment and ACC has the right to vary the required fence placement prior to approval.
- 14.6. No fence is permitted on the front side of the house lot.
- 14.7. Fence treatment must be transparent, brown, or wood-colored stain; vinyl must be white.
- 14.8. Rebuilding, replacing, or repairing of the original or previously approved fence of the same color scheme and similar materials and construction details may proceed without an application to the ACC
- 14.9. Any staining or varnishing of a fence in a color not previously approved requires ACC approval.
- 14.10. Fences must be maintained in good condition, with no loose or broken boards, rusty or squeaky hardware, or unsightly markings. Replacement boards must be treated to match existing fence in color and style.

15. Holiday Decorations, Flag Poles, and Bird Houses

- 15.1. Any planned decorative yard accessory, such as sculptures, elaborate bird baths, permanently affixed vertical free-standing flag poles, fountains or other embellishments require ACC approval before installing anywhere in view of the street.
- 15.2. Permanently affixed bracket-mounted flags placed near the front entry of the home are allowed. No permanent flag poles in front or rear of the home are permitted unless the U.S. Flag Code (36USC10) is followed at all times.
- 15.3. Pole-mounted bird houses shall not exceed 10 feet in height, and are strictly prohibited in the front portion of the house. Bird houses must be in the back fenced portion of the home.
- 15.4. Christmas or other festive decorations of a temporary nature for generally recognized holidays may be displayed without ACC approval. Decorations shall not be installed earlier than four weeks prior to the respective holiday, and shall be removed within four weeks following the holiday.

16. Swing Sets, Playhouses, Play structures, Forts and Yard accessories

16.1. Any structure in excess of six (6) feet in height must have ACC approval.

16.2. All structures must be behind the house.

17. Garage Doors and Conversions

- 17.1. No garage or any portion thereof shall be converted into living space.
- 17.2. All houses will have a minimum of one working garage door.
- 17.3. Garage doors which are visible from the street shall remain closed at all times except when vehicles are entering or exiting the garage, or when work or play is taking place in the garage or yard. Doors may remain open three (3) inches at the bottom to allow for circulation.

18. Window Air Conditioners

18.1. No window units or wall-type air conditioners are permitted without approval by the Board.

19. Signage, Advertisements, and Billboards

- 19.1. No signs of any type or size are allowed except one (1) sign of not more than five (5) square feet advertising a lot or home for sale or rent and/or a security sign of not more than (200) square inches placed in close proximity of the house.
- 19.2. Signs advertising garage or yard sales are allowed for a period of 24 hours before the posted time of the sale and two (2) hours after. Failure to remove them will result in a fine billed to the owner of the address holding the sale.

20. Window Treatments and Security Doors

- 20.1. Windows shall be of clear glass. *Tinting must be approved by the ACC*. The use of reflective glass, aluminum foil, or reflecting tinting is prohibited.
- 20.2. Window screens and patio screens must be kept in good repair.
- 20.3. All window treatments (drapes, curtains, blinds, and shutters) must be maintained in good condition, and present an attractive appearance from the street.
- 20.4. The use of "burglar bars", steel, wrought iron, or similar fixtures on the exterior of a window or door is prohibited.
- 20.5. ACC approval is not required for the addition of screen doors that are not located on the front of the house if the material matches, or is similar and complementary to, existing doors on the home.

21. Awnings and Overhangs

21.1. *Awnings and overhangs must be approved by the ACC before work begins.* They are only permitted on the rear of the home, and should be expressive of the community's character.

22. Shutter Guidelines

22.1. Shutter must have ACC approval before installation.

- 22.2. Shutter must be made of plastic or vinyl.
- 22.3. Shutters must compliment the color of the home (no bright, gaudy colors).
- 22.4. Shutters that discolor or deteriorate must be maintained or replaced.
- 22.5. Shutters should be similar in height to the window.
- 22.6. Only one shutter is allowed on each side of the window.

23. Mailboxes and Newspaper Tubes

- 23.1. The only mailbox approved for use in Deodar Plantation is: Gibraltar Mailboxes by the Solar Group, Model E1600B00 (large, black).
- 23.2. The post should be white, made of wood or plastic, and match the others in Deodar Plantation in design and construction.
- 23.3. Newspaper tubes must be attached to the mailbox post; steel posts are not permitted.
- 23.4. Post and mailbox must be kept clean, painted, rust-free, and in good repair.

24. Parking

- 24.1. No house trailer, mobile home, recreational vehicle, non-passenger vehicle and watercraft, are permitted to remain in Deodar Plantation longer than three (3) day without written permission from the Board.
- 24.2. A temporary parking extension permit (TPEP) for up to an additional seven (7) days may be applied for from the Board. Parking permits must be posted in a window or elsewhere on the vehicle to be visible from the street for the duration of the approved extension.
- 24.3. Utility trailers or boats, 10ft or smaller, must be stored either in the garage or in the fenced back yard, so as not to be seen. Utility trailers or boats, are not to be left in the street or driveway for an extended period of time, and may only be in front of the house during loading or unloading.
- 24.4. Moving, Trash or other containers may not be left in any driveway or on any part of the property, for more than (5) days without Board approval. A (TPEP) must be obtained from, and approved by the Board, stating the time period for the needed extension.
- 24.5. No tractor-trailer, cabs, or trailers are allowed overnight in Deodar Plantation.
- 24.6. No automobile, truck, or motorcycle is permitted to be parked or stored between homes, in a backyard, or on any lawn area.
- 24.7. All vehicles visible from the street must be kept in operating condition, licensed, and in compliance with local and state regulations.
- 24.8. No vehicle may block, or be parked across from, another resident's driveway.
- 24.9. Vehicles parked in a driveway must leave reasonable access to the sidewalk.
- 24.10. Vehicles parked on the street must have all tires on the road.

25 Clotheslines

25.1 All clotheslines are prohibited.

26 Trash Receptacles

26.1 Garbage and recycle receptacles may not be put out at the curb before 4:00 p.m. prior to the day of pickup. Garbage and recycle receptacles must be concealed in the garage, behind the house, or behind a fence within 24 hours of collection. These receptacles must remain concealed at all other periods.

27 Landscaping/Maintenance

27.1 Any significant changes in landscaping must be approved by the ACC.

- 27.2 We must all be respectful of our neighbors. Lawns shall be kept mowed, edged, and reasonably free of overgrown weeds, year-round. Bushes shall be neatly trimmed.
- 27.3 Grass and shrub clippings shall be swept off the street, drive, and sidewalks. Yard trimmings/clippings shall be set out at the curb (loose or bagged) no earlier that the Saturday prior to city pickup. Curb days are Saturday, Sunday and Monday.
- 27.4 Properties shall maintain a neat, orderly appearance by storing items of temporary use out of sight from the street.

28 Garden Hoses

28.1 No garden hose shall be stored in the front of the home unless it is encased in an enclosed hose reel and stored in an orderly fashion.

29 Animals

- 29.1 Any animal that causes annoyance by excessive barking or behavior, or disturbs the tranquility or safety of Deodar Plantation shall not be permitted to remain.
- 29.2 Animal owners are responsible for removing their animal's waste whenever they are off their own property. For sanitation purposes, violators will be fined by the ACC and reported to the City of Aiken.

30 Noise

30.1 Recurring or continuous loud music, vehicle mufflers, revving motorcycle engines, etc., which disturbs residents and the tranquility of the community in general is not allowed.

31 Fireworks

- 31.1 Deodar Plantation is in the City of Aiken jurisdiction, therefore the City's laws apply to Deodar Plantation residents. This includes Section 16-6 prohibiting the use of fireworks by stating:
 - a. "It shall be unlawful in the city for any person to use, fire, shoot, discharge, sell, offer for sale, store, exchange, give away, or possess any fireworks within the city, except as specifically authorized."
- 31.2 Use of fireworks or other failure to follow the stated law will result in a fine billed to the owner of the address where the violation occurs.

32 Inappropriate Conduct

32.1 Behavior that reflects poorly on the moral fiber of the community (such as public intoxication, inappropriate language, throwing refuse into neighbors' yards and wild parties supported by vehicles for that purpose) shall not be allowed.

33 Variances

33.1 The Board and only the Board may grant variance from the rules and Standards.

34 Contractors

34.1 All contractors performing work to the exterior of the property requiring ACC approval must be licensed and must provide the ACC with proof of insurance prior to starting work.

- 35 Fines
 - 35.1 For Violations of the Governing Documents, the Board may impose sanctions, including reasonable monetary fines.
 - 35.2 Failure to comply with the architectural and environmental Standards will result in the mailing of a Noncompliance Notice to the property owner requesting that the violation be corrected within Ten (10) days.
 - 35.3 If the violation is not corrected, the homeowner will receive a second reminder. Violation or corrective action must be agreed upon with the board, within Five (5) days. If not completed, homeowner will be fined in accordance to the "Deodar Plantation HOA Schedule of Fines" dated July 18, 2018. "Schedule of fines" can be found on our website at http://deodarplantation.org
 - 35.4 Continued disregard for the Standards which necessitates three (3) or more Notices for the same or varied offenses to one property will add a \$35 administrative fee to the fine.

Signed by: Betty Gardner, President Kirk Hildebrand, Vice President Mi Willie Blocker, Treasurer Tony Seaman, Member-at-Large, ACC Chairman Stan Meeks, Member-at-Large Steve Schnitzer, Member-at-Large Joseph Daniels, Member-at-Large TUDAL Kenny Barrineau, Member-at-Large Heather Bradham, Member-at-Large