# ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS OF

# ARTESIAN OAKS MAINTENANCE FUND, INC.

WHEREAS, the property affected by these Architectural Control Guidelines and Regulations is subject to certain dedications, covenants and restrictions (the "Declaration") set out in instruments recorded in the Official Public Records of Real Property at Montgomery County, Texas, as follows:

Clerk's File No. 2001-069541; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority vested in Artesian Oaks Maintenance Fund, Inc. (the "Association") in the Declaration and as required by the TEXAS PROPERTY CODE, the Board of Directors of the Association (the "Board") has determined that, in order to provide clear and definitive guidance for maintaining the aesthetics and architectural harmony of the community, it is appropriate to adopt guidelines toward that end. Therefore, the Board hereby promulgates the following Architectural Control Guidelines and Regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following conditions and requirements are hereby established for Association Architectural Control Guidelines and Regulations:

#### **GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS**

The following are guidelines adopted by the Board, with the consent of the Architectural Control Committee (the "ACC"), to specify their standards, requirements and thought process used in evaluating various exterior improvements. These guidelines may be amended from time-to-time as circumstances, conditions or opinions of the Board dictate. The ACC has the right to deny approval for a similar improvement based on the proximity of a property to a main boulevard or the visual relativity of the site to the overall development.

It should be noted that the ACC approval is required <u>prior</u> to the installation or construction of the improvement or change. If an improvement is made without ACC approval, the Board of Directors has the legal right to enforce its removal.

The following guidelines shall be applicable to all properties under the jurisdiction of the Association. These guidelines shall also encumber any future property which may be brought within the jurisdiction of the Association. These guidelines supercede and take the place of any previous architectural control guidelines for the Association.

#### A. <u>DISPLAY OF FLAGS</u>:

- 1. These Guidelines apply to the display of ("Permitted Flags"):
  - a. the flag of the United States; and

of the owner's property between the main residential dwelling and any street and one free-standing flagpole is allowed in the rear or backyard portion of a property.

- 11. Free-standing flagpoles may <u>not</u> be installed in any location described below:
  - a. in any location other than the Owner's property; or
  - b. within a ground utility easement or encroaching into an aerial easement; or
  - c. beyond the side or rear setback lines (for example, on a lot with a 10' side setback line, a flagpole may not be installed closer than 10' from the side property line); or
  - d. beyond half the distance of the front setback line (for example, on a lot with a 30' front setback line, a flagpole may not be installed closer than 15' from the front property line); or
  - e. closer to a dwelling on an adjacent lot than the height of the flagpole (for example, a 20' flagpole cannot be installed closer than 20' from an adjacent house).
- 12. Lighting may be installed to illuminate Permitted Flags if they will be displayed at night and if existing ambient lighting does not provide proper illumination. Flag lighting must:
  - a. be ground mounted in the vicinity of the flag; and
  - b. utilize a fixture that screens the bulb and directs light in the intended direction with minimal spillover; and
  - c. point towards the flag and face the main structure on the property or to the center of the property if there is no structure; and
  - d. provide illumination not to exceed the equivalent of a 60 watt incandescent bulb.
- 13. Flagpoles must not generate unreasonable noise levels which would disturb the quiet enjoyment of other residents. Each flagpole owner should take steps to reduce noise levels by using vinyl or plastic snap hooks, installing snap hook covers or securing a loose halyard (rope) around the flagpole with a flagpole clasp.
- 14. Flagpoles are allowed solely for the purpose of displaying Permitted Flags. If a flagpole is no longer used on a daily basis, it must be removed.
- 15. All flags and flagpoles must be maintained in good condition. Deteriorated flags must be removed and promptly replaced. Deteriorated or structurally unsafe flagpoles must be promptly repaired, replaced or removed.

8. All Systems must be maintained in good repair. Unused Systems should be drained and disconnected from the gutters. Any unused Systems in public view must be removed from public view from any street or common area.

## C. <u>DISPLAY OF RELIGIOUS ITEMS:</u>

- 1. A property owner or resident may display or attach one or more religious items to each or any entry to their dwelling. Such items may include any thing related to any faith that is motivated by the resident's sincere religious belief or tradition.
- 2. Individually or in combination with each other, the items at any entry may not exceed 25 square inches total in size.
- 3. The items may only be displayed on or attached to the entry door or frame and may not extend beyond the outside edge of the door frame.
- 4. To the extent allowed by the Texas state constitution and the United States constitution, any such displayed or affixed religious items may not:
  - a. threaten public health or safety; or
  - b. violate any law; or
  - c. contain language, graphics or any display that is patently offensive to a passerby.
- 5. Approval from the ACC is not required for displaying religious items in compliance with these guidelines.
- 6. As provided by Section 202.018 of the TEXAS PROPERTY CODE, the Association may remove any items displayed in violation of these guidelines.

### D. ROOFING MATERIALS:

- 1. All buildings shall be roofed with composition shingles unless otherwise approved in writing by the ACC. Wood shingles are specifically prohibited for safety reasons.
- 2. Composition shingles must weigh at least 230 pounds per square and have a stated warranty of at least 25 years. Shingles must have a laminated design. Three-tab shingles are specifically prohibited except for use as a starter and cap rows.
- 3. Roof shingles must be in colors approved by the ACC.
- Roof overlays are not allowed. Prior to roofing, all existing materials must be removed down to clean decking. Any damaged or deteriorated decking must be replaced.

- b. on the roof of any other approved structure; or
- c. within a fenced yard or patio.
- 5. For Devices mounted on a roof, the Device must:
  - a. have no portion of the Device higher that the roof section to which it is attached; and
  - b. have no portion of the Device extend beyond the perimeter boundary of the roof section to which it is attached; and
  - c. conform to the slope of the roof; and
  - d. be aligned so the top edge of the Device is parallel to the roof ridge line for the roof section to which it is attached; and
  - e. have a frame, brackets and visible piping or wiring that is a color to match the roof shingles or a silver, bronze or black tone commonly available in the marketplace; and
  - f. be located in a position on the roof which is least visible from any street or common area, so long as such location does not reduce estimated annual energy production more than 10% over alternative roof locations (as determined by a publically available modeling tool provided by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory [www.nrel.gov] or equivalent entity).
- 6. For Devices located in a fenced yard or patio, no portion of the Device may extend above the top of the fence. If the fence is not a solid fence which blocks view of the Device, the Association may require the Device be placed in a location behind a structure or otherwise require visual screening. The Association may consider installation of Devices on properties without a fenced yard if there is adequate screening from public view from any street or common area.
- 7. All Devices must be installed in compliance with manufacturer's instruction and in a manner which does not void material warranties. Licensed craftsmen must be used where required by law. Permits must be obtained where required by law.
- 8. Installed Devices may not:
  - a. threaten public health or safety; or
  - b. violate any law; or
  - c. substantially interfere with the use and enjoyment of land by causing unreasonable discomfort or annoyance to any adjoining property owner.
- 9. All Devices must be maintained in good repair. Unused or inoperable Devices must be removed.

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TEXAS

STATE OF TEXAS **COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY** 

I hereby certify this instrument was filed in file number sequence on the date and at the time stamped herein by me and was duly RECORDED in the Official Public Records of Montgomery County, Texas.

04/24/2013

County Clerk Montgomery County, Texas