

A Simple Guide for Devaun Park Homeowners from the Architectural Review Committee

Why the ARC? The ARC committee is tasked with ensuring continuity of the classically historic Southern architectural features, details and streetscapes as this neighborhood was originally designed. These are the very details that drew us all to Devaun Park and make our community unique. ARC members are your neighbors who volunteer to serve the community in this capacity. While the DP guidelines are often very specific, the guidelines also acknowledge that providing consistency with the visual themes, image and the harmony in Devaun Park may require decisions based purely on aesthetic considerations. The guidelines address that a variance granted for any particular situation does not imply that a variance will be granted for a similar situation at another home site. The committee is unable to address the reasons for past variances and is forward-thinking in reviewing Change Requests on a case-by-case basis. It is with this directive that the ARC desires to serve our community well.

Some basic guidelines:

- Natural areas and planting beds are to be covered with brown or black bark mulch or pine straw. Gravel, rock or shell are not to be used as lawn or mulch bed.
- Fences must be approved.
- All utilities must be screened including HVAC units, propane tanks, emergency generators, trash & recyclable containers.
- Driveway reflectors or reflectors of any kind are prohibited.
- House numbers (4"-6") must be placed on the entry door post or header to be visible from the street.
- Mailbox color and design requirements are on the association's website.
- Flags & Political Signs are governed by the Proclamation, Article 18.

What if I want to add or change something in my yard? Submit a Change Request prior to making minor or major changes including but not limited to:

- installation of yard art, fountains, statues, topiaries, figurines, play equipment, doghouses or pole-mounted birdhouses
- addition of pavers, patio space or additional impermeable area
- installation of fences, trellises, arbors, privacy screens and pergolas
- installation of retaining walls, planter walls, etc
- Substantial addition to, changes to, or removal of landscaping
- removal of any plant or tree more than 10' in height
- all lots must have a minimum of 5 deciduous trees, (or 3 depending on lot size) if one of the 5 (or 3) trees is removed, it must be replaced

What if I want to add or change something about my house? Contact the ARC prior to making minor or major changes including but not limited to:

- change of exterior paint color
- change to an existing porch such as screening an open porch or converting a porch to an enclosure
- addition of porch, deck, garden/storage shed
- addition of living space, bonus rooms, and second floor added over garage
- replacement of existing house elements such as changes or additions to doors, windows, fences, and walls
- installation of emergency generators
- Change to the exterior structure of a home or garage

Where can I access the guidelines? www.devaunpark-dpca.com

How do I request a change? Consult the guidelines, Complete Form G & submit per the Submission Instructions at Guidelines Part 3.

What if I disagree with an ARC decision? A written appeal may be presented to the Devaun Park BOA.