

SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDELINES: Vegetable Gardens

FROM THE WATERSIDE HOA COVENANTS:

6.c.30 No vegetable garden, statuary or play equipment (including, without limitation, basketball goals) shall be erected on any Lot without the prior written consent of the Architectural Review Committee, and any such items must be located between the rear dwelling line and the rear lot line. ...

BOARD APPROVAL GUIDELINES:

The Architectural Review Committee and the HOA Board will generally agree to requests to install and maintain a vegetable garden if the following guidelines will be adhered to by the homeowner:

- The garden must not be visible from the street.
- The vegetable will border, on at least one side, a fence or the rear wall of the house. The preferred location is approximately two feet from the rear side of the house. (Note: It is not recommended to install the garden directly up against the slab.)
- The garden should not be greater than 24 square feet (6' x 4').
- No plant in the garden should exceed 4 feet in height. Homeowners are instructed to not install plants that exceed this height or to prune the plants back to less than 4 feet.
- A boarder must be installed around the garden. It should be made of 4x4 treated posts with no color stain.
- The garden will not be placed on an easement.

Further, if approved, proper maintenance of the vegetable garden must continue throughout the year. Failure to properly care for the vegetable garden will result in the HOA Board rescinding the homeowner's permission to maintain the vegetable garden, and the homeowner will be required, at their expense, to immediately remove the garden and replace with acceptable landscaping approved by the ARC and HOA.

The following guidelines will assist homeowners in understanding how we will determine if a garden is properly maintained. The HOA is not limited to these guidelines and will use any and all criterion that fairly determines if the garden is being properly maintained.

- The garden can only be used to grow vegetables from April 1 through October 31. Outside of this time, the plants must be removed and the ground tilled.
- The garden must be weed free.
- Tall plants must be staked / supported.
- Dead plants must be immediately removed.

- The vegetable garden must NOT attract animals/rodents and the homeowner is expected to take appropriate measures to discourage the attraction of animals/rodents. If the garden attracts animals/rodents, despite any precautions taken to avoid attracting animals/rodents, the homeowner will be ordered to immediately alter or remove the garden to stop attracting animals/rodents. A list of plants that are known to attract animals/rodents and a list of things that can be done to prevent attracting animals/rodents is posted on the Waterside website for the homeowner's review (www.watersideinfo.com).

Submitting Your Request

In order to install a vegetable garden, homeowners must submit a request through the ARC using the published process. Installation must not proceed until the homeowner receives a positive written response from the ARC. You will be required to address placement, size, plant types, etc. as discussed in these guidelines.