### **CASTLETON SUBDIVISION**

# ARCHITECTURAL AND LANDSCAPE DESIGN GUIDELINES

The objective of these guidelines is to identify criteria which will promote and maintain a high quality of community appearance and shared enterprise consistent with the standards envisioned for the Castleton Subdivision. Only construction which follows the standards of architecture, design and landscaping features consistent with these guidelines will be approved in order to create a context in which individual tastes will not be sacrificed, but blended in such a way that overall property values will be protected. It is also the purpose of the guidelines to specify design submission requirements and the design review process. If these standards are in conflict with the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Restrictions (the "Declaration"), the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, any supplements or amendments thereto, or any applicable law or ordinance, the other document or law will control.

All capitalized terms used herein shall be as defined in the Declaration. The design criteria set forth herein (the "Design Guidelines") and any other terms of these Guidelines are subject to change or modification by the Architectural Review Board (the "ARB" or the "Board") at any time and without notification. Until such time as the Developer assigns the right to approve plans to the ARB, all references in the Design Guidelines to the ARB shall refer to the Developer. Further, the ARB may vary from the Design Guidelines if they determine, in its sole discretion, that the variance is in the best interest of the community and so long as the variance does not violate any provision of the Declaration. In addition, the Developer or the Board of Directors may create different Design Guidelines for different sections or areas of Castleton to create a feeling of different neighborhoods within an overall community and/or to comply with covenants and restrictions unique to specific neighborhoods and recorded by plat or supplementary declaration or in accordance with neighborhood history.

### I. DESIGN PHILOSOPHY

The purpose of the Castleton architectural guidelines is to create a living environment and community that is aesthetically pleasing and to preserve a sense of identity and harmony with the overall scheme of development of Castleton by ensuring that improvements are not inconsistent with each other. Careful siting, selection of colors and materials, and design considerations that extend beyond the building walls to include the entire site are important means of achieving this objective. Buildings should complement adjoining structures.

### II. ARCHITECTURAL RESTRICTIONS

These rules and regulations govern the use and maintenance of individually owned properties within the Castleton community and have been adopted by the ARB as its general policy pursuant to authority set forth in Article IV of the Declaration. The following restrictions and regulations will remain in force until such time as the ARB shall amend, replace or terminate them. The ARB reserves the right to interpret the Design Guidelines and to make exceptions to the Guidelines on a case-by-case basis through its normal administrative process.

Prior to beginning construction, ARB approval is required for any improvement ("Improvement") placed or constructed on a lot, including but not limited to the following:

- \*Construction of a new home
- \*Modifications or additions to an existing home
- \*Construction or placement of secondary structures
- \*Landscaping
- \*Fences
- \*Pools
- \*Decks
- \*Driveway and parking areas
- \*Patios
- \*Terraces
- \*Garden walls
- \*Exterior colors
- \*Awnings
- \*Retaining walls
- \*Animal pens or shelters
- \*Exterior lighting
- \*Signs, mailboxes or mailbox support
- \*Flags, flag poles or any flag display structure
- \*Permanent cooking grills
- \*Swing sets, sand boxes and play equipment

Alterations in the exterior appearance of any building, driveway, sidewalk, lamp post, mailbox, fence or other structure, including exterior color or finish, or landscaping or addition of any Improvement, requires ARB approval.

No live trees with a diameter in excess of six (6) inches, measured three (3) feet above the ground, nor trees in excess of three (3) inches in diameter, similarly measured, which are generally known as flowering trees (such as dogwood or redbud) or as broad leaf evergreens (such as holly, laurel, or rhododendron), and no live vegetation on slopes of greater than 20 percent (20%) gradient or marked "no cut" areas on approved site plans may be cut without prior written approval of the ARB. Approval for the removal of trees

located within ten (10) feet of a building or within ten (10) feet of the approved site for such building will be granted unless removal will substantially decrease the beauty of the Property. Dead or diseased trees, with the exception of Street Trees, may be removed without prior approval if urgency is needed to prevent further damage. It is the Member's responsibility to provide evidence (such as a photo) that the tree needed to be removed. Should any removal occur, the Owner shall be responsible for cleaning and seeding the Residential Lot as necessary.

### III. ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

In order to implement the design philosophy of Developer, an Architectural Review Board may be established by the Association at such time as Developer appoints the ARB its assignee for purposes of enforcing the covenants and restrictions in the Declaration and these guidelines. Its purpose is to provide guidance for property owners, to assist them in recognizing the unique opportunities of their individual sites, while at the same time recognizing the similar rights of the adjoining property owners.

The ARB will review all landscaping, structures, improvements and/or additions or modifications. The Declaration contains restrictions affecting each owner and the use of his site. The ARB will adhere to the Declaration. It is important to note that any building, alteration or addition, including fencing and recreational improvements, must be approved by the ARB.

When formed, the ARB shall consist of at least three (3) members, but not more than eleven (11) members, who shall be Members of the Association, and shall be appointed by and for terms as may be determined by the Board of Directors. Developer may administer and enforce these guidelines until 100% of the Properties and any additional area have been developed and conveyed to Owners other than builders; provided that Developer may turn over architectural control to the Association as to any portion or portions of the Properties at any time. An ARB shall be appointed by the Board of Directors of the Association from and after the date on which Developer delegates this responsibility to the Association by written instrument executed by Developer. Developer or the Board, as appropriate, shall meet as necessary to review proposed plans.

### IV. DESIGN REVIEW PROCEDURE

- 1. Construction Document Submittal Requirements All Applications must be submitted on the form provided by the ARB, together with a construction schedule and at least three (3) sets of the required plans. The ARB may reject applications that are incomplete or inaccurate. Required plans are as follows:
  - a. <u>Site Plan</u> A site plan must be submitted, and must include the following information:
    - i. Section and lot number,

- ii. Builder's Name,
- iii. Name of person or company who prepared the plan,
- iv. Date plan prepared,
- v. Utility and drainage easements,
- vi. Building setback lines,
- vii. All proposed Improvements, including decks, porches, stoops, terraces, chimneys, HVAC equipment, outbuildings, play equipment and landscaped areas, and
- viii. Driveway, walks, parking and/or service courts, fences, swimming pool and pool equipment, site lighting, retaining walls, and any other elements visible from outside the home.
- b. <u>House Plans</u>: An architectural seal is highly encouraged for all house plans, but is not required. Specific information to be submitted with house plans includes the following:
  - i. Section and lot number,
  - ii. Owner's name,
  - iii. Name of person or company who prepared the plan,
  - iv. Date plan prepared,
  - v. House elevations with notes indicating all exterior finishes, materials, and colors, manufacturer's names, any attached elements such as decks and retaining walls and driveway material,
  - vi. Floor plans. While the ARB does not approve floor plans, they are often utilized in suggesting revisions to the exterior elevations and in determining minimum living areas,
  - vii. Architectural details for exterior doors, windows, porches, and entrance features are encouraged and may be required by the ARB prior to final plan approval,
  - viii. Material and color samples may be required by the ARB prior to final plan approval, but, in any case, are required prior to installation; and
  - ix. Elevations for any secondary structures such as garages, storage buildings, etc., providing the same information as the house plans.

# c. Site Improvements

- i. Exterior Lighting
  - 1. Landscape lighting is encouraged, but requires ARB approval.
  - 2. In approving lighting, the impact on adjacent properties will be considered by the ARB.

# ii. <u>Landscaping and Sediment/Erosion Plans</u>

- 1. Plans showing the trees to be removed and those to be retained,
- 2. Plans showing shrubs, plants and ground cover to be installed,
- 3. A sediment and erosion control plan,
- 4. A tree protection plan.

# d. Additional Information

The Owner shall provide such additional information as the ARB in its discretion may require.

2. After reviewing the properly submitted Plans, the ARB may approve the plans as submitted or return one copy to the Owner with comments and maintain the others for its files. Approval to build and additional information or required modifications will be made in writing by the ARB within sixty (60) days after submittal of a complete Application, including Plans and construction schedule. If approval, denial, or a request for additional information is not received within sixty (60) days by applicant/Owner, the Application shall be deemed denied.

If the Application is disapproved, the Member has the right to appeal the decision to the Board of Directors. The Member may contact the ARC Chairperson, the Board of Directors or the management company in writing to indicate the desire to appeal the ARB decision. Prior to filing the appeal, the Member should review the reason that the ARB denied the request. If the Member is willing to accept recommended changes, the Member may submit an amended Application to the ARB indicating the changes that will be made to make the Application acceptable. If the ARB decision indicated that additional information is needed, the Member should resubmit the Application to the ARB with the required information. Resubmitted Applications will restart the sixty (60) day review period. After any of these applicable responses are exhausted, the Member may move forward with an appeal.

- 3. Two inspections and approvals by the ARB may be required:
  - a. Stakeout Review: If required, a member of the ARB or its designated representative will accompany the Owner or builder to the site to review the stakeout and approve the flagging for clearing. Each corner of the house should be clearly marked by a stake and the entire clearing (including the driveway) should be defined with flagging tape. Any other clearing (for view, etc.) should also be clearly marked.
  - b. Final Compliance: The exterior of the house must be built in conformance with the plan submitted. Approved colors, proper treatment of driveways and other requirements of these restrictions must be complied with before a final Certificate of Compliance will be issued by the ARB.
- 4. Any additions or alterations to approved Plans must be submitted to the ARB for consideration and approval before changes are put into effect.

- 5. Actual exterior construction must comply exactly with approved plans and specifications, including without limitation paint color. Final clean up must be completed prior to receipt of a Certificate of Compliance and final landscaping must be completed within twelve (12) months of start of exterior construction.
- 6. Builder Approval: Builders for renovations, additions, and remodels must be approved by the ARB, and if approved may be required to deposit with Castleton Community Association a cashier's check in an amount to be determined by the ARB, to assure damage repair and project completion, before construction can begin. Monies will be refunded upon satisfactory completion of all phases of the project and complete damage repair.

# V. DESIGN CRITERIA AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The following information and recommendations are offered to Owners and their architects or designers as a planning guide for use during the design process. The ARB will base its decisions on these considerations. Exceptions will be granted only in the sole discretion of the ARB.

In general, the desire is to create building forms that are harmonious with the landscape. Carefully selecting materials, colors and finishing will contribute to the overall appearance of Castleton. As Castleton grows, the relationship of each residence to its neighbors becomes increasingly important and will be a prime consideration in the design process. The following guidelines and restrictions apply to the entire Castleton community. Guidelines specific to individual neighborhoods are set forth hereinafter.

# ARCHITECTURAL CHARACTER AND DESIGN

- 1. SITE ELEMENTS The existing terrain shall be left undisturbed wherever possible to preserve natural vegetation. Particular care should be taken to preserve ground cover so that the likelihood of soil erosion is minimized. All disturbed areas must be restored with bark mulch (hardwood or pine), crushed bricks, river stone, grass, grass seed, or approved ground cover. Site clearing must be labeled in writing on the site plan and landscaping plans. If supplemental plantings are expected, the variety and placement of such shall be designated.
  - a. MAILBOXES, UTILITY SERVICES, ANTENAE, Etc. Mailboxes shall be as specified by the ARB, including materials, size, color, numbering and construction detail. Mailbox specifications are available from the management office. All services to the home including prewiring for Cable TV must be installed underground. Surface mounted mechanical equipment (e.g. HVAC, generators, pool equipment, utility meters) shall be screened from view and grouped together away from street/public view. Antennae must be installed in compliance with the Declaration. Satellite dishes are not required to be pre-approved, but must be (i) located in the rear yard or to the rear of the main building/structure, (ii) one meter in diameter or

smaller, (iii) located below the high point of the roofline to which they are attached or, if detached, below the high point of the lowest roofline of the main building, (iv) all cabling shall be attached to the rear of the building. All satellite dishes shall also comply with any state and federal guidelines. Pre-approval is available to avoid the necessity of relocating a dish in the event of non-compliance. If dishes are placed in a location not approved by the ARB due to requirements to obtain reception, screening is required.

- b. FENCES. Fences must be approved by the ARB.
  - i. MATERIALS/DIMENSIONS -- Chain link, barbed wire or wire mesh shall not be approved. Fences must be constructed from high quality wood, metal, vinyl or other material approved by the Board. Fencing boards must be at least ¾ in. thick. Unless otherwise approved by the ARB, fences must be a natural wooded color, a single color that matches the color scheme of the house or be white. All fences must be constructed with the framing members facing the interior of the enclosed area (i.e. "good side out"). Fences may be no higher than six feet at any point along the sides and rear of the rear yard. Fencing facing the street side of the rear yard may be no closer to the street than the front line of the house. Such fencing may be no higher than six feet at any point if it is along the rear line of the house or further from the street. Any fencing closer to the street than the rear line of the house may be no higher than four feet.
  - ii. CORNER LOTS -- Fencing on a corner lot is subject to the same restrictions, and in addition, the fencing along the side yard may not extend any closer to the street than the building setback requirement for the adjoining lot(s) on the street which the house is NOT facing. For example, if the front yard setback requirement is 35', the corner lot owner's fence may extend no closer to the street abutting its side yard than 35'.
  - iii. LOCATION -- Owners building a fence must ensure that a fence built on the property line does not interfere with existing structures or equipment, for example, an irrigation system. The ARB may, in its discretion, grant variances from these requirements for good cause and with the consent of the neighbors adjoining the proposed Fences between adjacent lots must be placed on or substantially on the side and rear property lines and the height, color, style, and design should be coordinated with adjacent property owners. If a Member wishes to locate a fence other than on or substantially on the side and/or rear property lines, the Member shall state the reasons therefor in the application and shall locate the fence at least 8 feet from the property line in order to provide adequate room for access and repair. The member shall maintain the area between the fence and the property line. In the case of a fence that will abut a public road, the fence should be no closer than ten (10)

feet away from the right of way line so as not to interfere with sight lines.

- c. BASKETBALL BACKBOARDS AND GOALS. Basketball backboards and goals, either permanent or portable, are considered structures and must adhere to Association/ARB standards and an Application must be submitted. In no event shall portable basketball goals obstruct the street. All portable basketball backboards and goals must be placed in a location which is not visible from a Common Area or any other Residential Lot when not in active use.
- d. PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT. Playground Equipment must be located as unobtrusively as possible in the rear of the property. Location and type of playground equipment is subject to ARB approval.
- e. GARAGES. Garages to accommodate up to three (3) cars are allowed, along with uncovered spaces, for parking outside the garage. Garages shall be compatible with the house in style, roof slope, materials, foundation and color scheme. No carports are allowed.
- f. DRIVEWAYS. The ARB may, in its discretion, vary the driveway material that it approves. Brown river stones, asphalt, brick pavers, exposed aggregate concrete, concrete (smooth or stamped) and gray granite are all acceptable materials. Construction entrances shall be graveled with stone immediately after clearing. Builders are to construct driveways without altering drainage swales. All houses shall have a front sidewalk leading from the front porch/entrance to the driveway. Sidewalks shall be paving bricks, exposed aggregate concrete or concrete (smooth or stamped). All vehicles parked on streets must have current registration and license tags. No driveways shall have direct access to Doran Road.
- g. ANIMAL HOUSING. No animal housing shall be visible from the street. All animal housing shall be shown on the site plan submission. This includes doghouses, runs and other pet enclosures. No wire, chain, or mesh pens or runs shall be permitted. ARB shall review the siting of the structure and its impact on neighboring property and approval in writing is required prior to installation.
- h. LANDSCAPE FEATURES. The landscape plan should include all fountains, statues, topiaries, birdbaths, pole mounted birdhouses, art pieces, collector items, lawn ornaments and personal artifacts showing location and size. All features must be approved. Landscape areas that are not planted with quality grass shall be covered with mulch (hardwood or pine), crushed bricks or river stone. Foundation planting shall be a minimum of two (2) feet in height along the front side of the house. Submission of a landscape plan is not required in connection with the placement of annuals, perennials, bulbs and shrubs, so long as such plants are not invasive and are appropriate in size.
- i. FLAGS. The ARB does not prohibit an Owner from displaying the flag of the United States on his Residential Lot so long as such display is in

compliance with Chapter 1 of Title 4 of the U.S. Code, and any rule or custom pertaining to the proper display of the flag. The ARB is authorized and reserves the right to regulate the size, placement, duration and manner of placement of all flags and to regulate the type of flags which may be displayed, including the right to prohibit the display of flags or the right to require the removal of flags that the ARB deems inappropriate in its sole discretion (subject to the foregoing). The ARB is also authorized to regulate, restrict or prohibit the erection and placement of flagpoles and other structures associated with flag display and reserves the right to do so in its sole discretion.

- DECKS, PORCHES, PATIOS, SIDEWALKS AND RAMPS EXTERIOR j. STAIRS. The design of outside living spaces and accessibility features shall be coordinated and integrated with the design of each home. Rear or garage access ramps are preferred where practicable. Decks shall not unduly infringe on the privacy of neighboring homes. Decks should be sensitively sited, shall be a minimum of 12x12 feet in size, and are to be constructed of wood, vinyl or composite material. Deck board shall be 5/4 inch by 8 inches with an eased edge. Decks and porches shall be designed to minimize unsightly supporting structure (i.e., with wood, lattice or other suitable screening material). Exterior stairs to upper level deck areas shall be integrated with the structure and shall be unobtrusive and painted or stained to blend with the house trim or exterior color finish of the home. Wood front porch steps shall have enclosed risers. All houses shall have a front sidewalk leading from the front porch to the driveway. Patios and sidewalks shall be constructed with paving bricks, exposed aggregate concrete or concrete (smooth or stamped).
- k. FOUNDATIONS. Foundations shall be clad with brick, stone or other approved material, with not less than 24 inches of such material exposed above the final grade. Fireplaces and gas insert fireplaces may be of full brick masonry or may be of a prefabricated design. Foundation vents shall be made of wood, composite, or other approved material.
- 1. LOT GRADING Engineering Guidelines
  - i. GENERAL All grading, landscaping and site layout should be designed in a fashion to minimize stormwater run-off, to affect stormwater infiltration and promote stormwater quality.
  - ii. RETAINING WALLS There are four basic circumstances in which retaining walls will be required. These are as follows (1) If a lot has been cut in order to establish a building pad for the structure, the Builder responsible for the cut will provide a retaining wall if the amount (depth) of the cut will need to be retained if proper slopes (3' horizontal: 1' vertical minimum) cannot be established. (2) If a lot has been filled in order to establish a building pad for the structure, the Builder responsible for the fill will provide a retaining wall if the amount (depth) of the fill will need to be retained if proper

- slopes (3' horizontal: 1' vertical minimum) cannot be established. (3) If needed to facilitate proper lot drainage. (4) If needed to protect existing trees. Any proposed wall that is over four feet (4') in height (top of footing to top of wall) is required to be designed by a Registered Professional Engineer.
- iii. DRAINAGE SWALES Drainage swales are needed in most cases to facilitate proper lot drainage in accordance with the required subdivision drainage plan or as required by the natural grade as shown on the topographic maps. These swales should be constructed in such a manner as to:
  - 1. Be maintainable by the Owner (no slopes steeper than 4' horizontal: 1' vertical) and be able to carry the anticipated amount of stormwater runoff.
  - Minimize erosion problems within the swale itself. This can 2. be accomplished by sodding any swales that could possible carry large volumes of water. The location of these swales is up to the Developer. Swales are shown on Engineered Drainage Plans and should be adhered to as closely as possible. Generally, swales are placed at or near the property lines so as to meet the given drainage requirements. If possible, swales through the center of side or rear yards should be avoided in anticipation of future improvements such as pools and/or spas which could potentially block a drainage swale located in these areas. The minimum grade allowed for grass swales is one (1) percent. Lesser slopes may be considered for concrete or stone lined swales. Guttering downspouts must flow into the swales and/or flow to the streets.
- iv. SIDE SLOPES FOR SINGLE-FAMILY LOTS The maximum percentage of a slope that is allowed is 3:1. This means that for every three feet (3') of horizontal distance a maximum one-foot (1') rise/fall vertically is allowed. Any slope that is steeper than 3:1 should be retained. It is also recommended that any slope approaching a 4:1 slope should be sodded to reduce the possibility of erosion.
- v. OUTBUILDINGS All separate detached structures, including garden sheds and outside storage buildings, must be indicated on the site plan submission. Outbuildings shall be compatible with the house in style, materials and color scheme. Appropriate elevations and details necessary to illustrate the design must be submitted. All The ARB shall consider visibility of the structure, impact on neighboring lots and streets and quality of materials, finish and color when reviewing submissions. No wood skid, plastic, vinyl, or metal storage sheds will be allowed. The structure must have a permanent

foundation or be attached to a concrete slab. Setback shall be maintained at ten (10) feet and the structure shall be located as unobtrusively as possible in the rear of the property.

- m. GENERAL ARCHITECTURAL STYLE AND CONFIGURATION. The exterior of all dwellings shall be compatible with adjacent structures and be located to fit site conditions respecting existing vegetation and topographic features. All buildings within Castleton should be harmoniously designed to fit together and visually be defined as a community. Homeowners will match any additions to the existing style of their home. No two homes of the same or substantially the same model and elevation shall be located next to each other; nor may more than two of the same model be built next to each other, regardless of elevation and color differences. Further, no two homes of the same or substantially the same model and elevation or the same color scheme shall be located across the street from each other.
- n. MATERIALS AND COLORS. Front-oriented treatments in dissimilar materials that do not appear integrated into the design and inappropriate changes in material between elevations may not be allowed. No more than two dominant wall surface materials should be used on any elevation. Examples of acceptable materials and colors are:
  - i. Brick (ARB approved palette.)
  - ii. Vinyl (or equal) with appropriate trim details. Grooved plywood panels are unacceptable.
  - iii. All exterior colors and texture selections will require ARB approval. Samples of proposed colors may be required to be painted on a panel for field review if the color has not been previously approved, or if they appear to be out of character with the surrounding homes. Traditional, muted colors are encouraged. Judiciously selected brighter accent colors are permitted if approved by the ARB. Trim combinations are specifically subject to review and approval by the ARB. Approval of a color or material for an individual residence does not necessarily mean blanket approval for another residence in a different location. Identical or substantially similar color schemes should not be visible from adjacent properties.
  - iv. ROOF CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIALS A minimum of 7 to 12 slope roof pitches for any gable or element that faces the street, overhangs may vary as necessitated by architectural design. However, no flat roofs are allowed as a major structural element. Metal roofs for porches, dormer or eyebrow arches are acceptable. Shingles must be submitted for approval. The ARB reserves the right to approve variances as deemed appropriate.

Inappropriate Materials - Inappropriate use of materials and colors will not be allowed. The ARB has deemed the use of the following materials for predominant exterior finishes as incompatible with the design objectives for

#### Castleton:

- Painted Concrete
- Mirrored Glass
- Ceramic Tile
- Brightly Colored Masonry

Limiting the number of finish materials and avoiding contrived combinations is encouraged. Exposed flashing shall be copper or baked on enamel (black or brown) aluminum.

All roof ventilation should be located as unobtrusively as practicable to the rear of the house and located below the high point of the roofline to which they are attached.

- o. WINDOWS AND DOORS. All window and door openings should be defined by pop-outs, reveals, insets, overhangs, screening devices or trim. No bed sheets or similar items shall be allowed as window covering. When visible from any street or open space, storm shutters or windows may be installed over openings only with ARB approval. Awnings or shading devices are permitted only if they complement and enhance the general design and must be approved.
- p. GARAGES DOORS. All garage doors shall be compatible with the exterior design.
- q. ROOF ACCESSORIES:
  - i. Chimneys All prefabricated fireplace units must have a metal terminal cap. Spark arresters for wood-burning fireplaces are mandatory. They shall be constructed of stainless steel, aluminum, copper or brass with woven galvanized, wire mesh and conform to Uniform Fire Code specs. All flues shall be encased. Chimneys must be integrated with the building architecture.
  - ii. Skylights/Solar Appurtenances Flat skylights are preferred on exposed, sloped roofs. Bubble or pyramidal skylights will be considered on concealed small roofs or roof areas hidden from general view. Solar design should be considered in the early design stages. Active solar appurtenances shall be non-reflective and integrated with the building architecture. Skylight panels should be of a smoke or bronze color, not white. See Article V(1)(t) for additional information regarding solar appurtenances.
  - iii. Exterior Lighting Light sources should be unobtrusive or concealed with all light in shades of white (no colored lights). No spillover of light should occur on neighboring properties and lighting must be shielded to prevent glare. Tree uplights should be concealed underground or in shrub masses. Exterior floodlights are to be directed away from neighboring homes and yards. A site lighting plan detailing landscaping lighting shall be submitted for ARB approval.
- r. SWIMMING POOLS. Owner shall make written application to ARB for

permission to install a swimming pool. The request must include the proposed swimming pool's size, type, color, location and design and meet the following requirements: (i) a six (6) foot approved privacy fence shall be installed around any pool for privacy and must comply with County standards for pool enclosures, (ii) the pool liner exterior must be surrounded by a permanent raised deck and covered with either lattice work or solid wood (in the case of an above-ground pool), (iii) rails must comply with County Standards (in the case of an above-ground pool), (iv) pool area and fencing must be landscaped, (v) property setbacks on the sides and rear of the property shall be maintained at ten (10) feet.

- s. SIGNAGE. Except for such signs as may be posted by the Developer for promotional or marketing purposes or by the Association, only the following signs are permitted:
  - i. Three types of temporary signs are allowed for residential structures: temporary Builder signs, temporary model home signs, and real estate sales signs. All Signage design and placement will require ARB approval. No Signage will be allowed in a street, off-site on neighboring property, or mounted on buildings or trees. One subcontractor sign may be placed on a lot. All signs must be removed upon sale of the residence.
    - 1. Builder Sign Signs identifying the Builder, lot number and sales status (Available, Under Contract, or Sold). The sign may be placed on the lot at the time of optioning the lot before construction begins, and it must be removed at occupancy.
    - 2. Builder Model Home Sign Each model home may erect a sign indicating the Builder's name in accordance with the sign design guidelines.
    - 3. Real Estate Sign Each dwelling unit may erect one (1) six square foot real estate sign to advertise the sale or lease of the premises upon which the sign is located. The real estate sign must be located on the property of the unit it is advertising and not in any Common Area or on public property.

### t. SOLAR DEVICES:

- i. Definitions:
  - <u>Solar Energy Collection Device</u>: any device manufactured and sold for the sole purpose of facilitating the collection and beneficial use of solar energy.
- ii. <u>Application</u>: Prior to the placement of any Solar Energy Collection Device upon any Lot the Owner must submit a written Application to the Association for approval of their proposed Solar Energy Collection Device. All Applications must include a drawing indicating the purpose, type and size of the Solar Energy Collection

Device and general location and manner of desired installation. Applications for a Solar Energy Collection Device will be reviewed in the same manor and via the same procedures as all other Applications submitted in Castleton Subdivision pursuant to the Guidelines.

# iii. Location:

- 1. No Owner may install a Solar Energy Collection Device in the Common Area or on any property owned by the Association, or which encroaches upon Common Area or other Lot.
- 2. Solar Energy Collection Devices will be approved as to location on Lots if there is minimal or no visibility of the Solar Energy Collection Device from the street. In such cases where a low or no visibility from the street location for a Solar Energy Collection Device is not adequate for the effective collection of solar energy, the Association shall reserve the power to grant a variance from any of these requirements while balancing the desire to maintain consistency with the overall scheme of development of Castleton Subdivision and the safety of Owners, tenants and guests.

### iv. Installation:

- 1. Solar Energy Collection Devices shall not be larger or installed higher than is necessary for their intended purpose.
- 2. Solar Energy Collection Devices shall be installed and secured in a manner so that visibility from the street is minimized and so that they blend into the surroundings as much as practicable.
- 3. Solar Energy Collection Devices shall be installed and secured in a manner that complies with all applicable Virginia building codes and manufacturer's instructions and minimizes impact to the Lot.
- v. <u>Maintenance</u>: Owners shall have a continuing duty to prevent their Solar Energy Collection Devices from falling into a state of disrepair. Owners shall be responsible for Solar Energy Collection Device maintenance, repair and replacement, and the correction of any safety hazard.

# vi. Solar Energy Collection Device Camouflaging:

1. The Association reserves the power to require Owners to paint any portion of the Solar Energy Collection Device so that it matches or is reasonably compatible with the color of the structure to which it is attached. If such a requirement would void the warranty from the manufacturer, the Owner must submit a copy of the warranty to the Association before

- the Association will consider absolving the Owners of this requirement.
- 2. The Association reserves the power to require Owners to install or provide reasonable screening around the Solar Energy Collection Device if the Solar Energy Collection Device is visible from the street, the Common Area or other Lots.
- 3. Lot Owners must install exterior wiring for the Solar Energy Collection Device in the least visible manner.
- vii. <u>Solar Device Removal</u>: When an Owner removes a Solar Energy Collection Device, he/she shall restore the location of the installation to its condition prior to the installation of the Solar Energy Collection Device. Owners shall be responsible for all costs relating to restoration of this location.

# 2. CONSTRUCTION SITE STANDARDS

- Site Cleanliness/Materials Storage/Erosion Control It is imperative that all sites be maintained in a clean and tidy manner. Unsightly construction or non-maintained sites will not be tolerated. Grass shall be cut to within County standards. All construction materials must be kept within the property lines, maintaining a neat street right-of-way. The storage of materials should be in an inconspicuous area and should be neat and orderly. The use of adjoining properties for access or storage of materials without the written permission of the adjacent owner is prohibited. Temporary storage structures approved by the ARB may be used to store materials. Storage structures may not be used as living quarters. Care should be taken when loading trucks and hauling trash to prevent spillage while in transit. Builders shall be held responsible for trash and debris falling from construction vehicles. A trash container enclosure will be required on each construction site after the pouring of the foundation. At the end of each workday, materials must be stored neatly and all trash placed in the trash enclosure. No trash will be strewn about the site or piled openly. Builders will be responsible for cleanup on all lots owned or contracted for by that Builder. Lots that are not cleaned upon notification are subject to fines. If a home that has requested a final certificate is adjacent to lots that are not clean, the final certificate shall be denied. Builders are responsible for controlling erosion on each lot. Care must be taken to use soil control measures such as hay bales (properly installed with staking as necessary), silt fence, hydro mulch, etc. to prevent soil erosion. Streets surrounding each lot shall be kept free from soil build-up.
- b. Natural Preservation Areas It is important that all natural preservation areas shown on approved plans be left undisturbed during the construction period. The Homeowner is responsible for erecting barricades to protect these natural areas. It will be the financial responsibility of the Homeowner to re-landscape any disturbance of these natural areas and to keep the

- barricades in good repair.
- c. Job Toilets Each construction area is required to be served by a job toilet for the use of the workers.
- d. Fires Fires are not permitted on residential construction sites under any circumstances.
- e. Construction Adjacent to a Common Green When building adjacent to an improved common green, before the start of construction a barrier fence must be installed on the property.

### 3. MAINTENANCE

Property and Improvements must be maintained according to community standards. This includes, but is not limited to, keeping Improvements and landscaping neat and orderly so as not to detract from the appearance of the community. Maintenance of improved lots shall include (a) regular mowing of grass during the growing season in a manner that compares favorably with the neighborhood, (b) keeping planting beds, mulch beds and foundation plantings free of weeds, and (c) removal of leaves and other tree debris in a timely manner. Any Improvement or landscaping that has deteriorated or has not been maintained properly, in the sole discretion of the ARB, must be removed or replaced.

These supplemented and amended guidelines have been approved by the Castleton Homeowners Association, Inc. as of the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2019.

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