



Architectural Control Requirements and Policy

Please be aware of architectural guidelines and requirements prior to starting any exterior home or property improvements.

This document contains vitally important information to the property owner considering building a home or making any exterior changes to an existing home site. As such, it should be reviewed thoroughly by all interested parties.

The policy contained herein is current as of the date below. Property owners are responsible for adhering to current policy.

The Association's authority to enact this policy derives from the applicable deed restrictions, which are a matter of record at the Iosco County Register of Deeds. As such, the policy is binding upon all persons owning property in the Lakewood Shores development.

Any questions regarding architectural control should be addressed to the Executive Director at the Administrative Office (989) 739-2607.

This policy was ratified by the Board of Directors, Lakewood Shores Property Owners Association, Inc. to include changes adopted in July 1989, December 1997, October 2004, July 2005, May-2006, August 2008, March 2012, August 2021, and April 2025 as reflected in the minutes of those proceedings.

PURPOSE: This document is intended to inform the prospective homebuilder of specific requirements and restrictions applicable to construction in Lakewood Shores. Its intent encompasses homes in particular but other structures and land improvements are also applicable to the requirements set forth herein.

AUTHORITY: The Architectural Control Committee of Lakewood Shores, hereinafter referred to as the "Committee", derives its authority from covenants and restrictions of record. The guidelines set forth herein are consistent with that authority.

PHILOSOPHY: The goals and purpose of the Committee is to preserve the aesthetic harmony of Lakewood Shores with respect to any architectural or land improvements, modifications or other changes. As such, it concentrates on the central theme established by the original developers. Specifically, minimum aesthetic requirements are generally defined as those possessed by the original homes of Lakewood Shores. These homes depict the minimum desired appearance by such attractions as unique lines (roof breaks, garage offsets, covered porches, brick veneer or wood siding and finished landscaping. As such, it is the responsibility of the Committee to see that any proposed building or other property improvements within Lakewood Shores meet these minimum standards. The Committee reserves the right to disapprove of any project not meeting these standards and no consent should be implied or construed where none has been specifically granted.

I - ACCEPTABLE ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS

In planning the home, the prospective homeowner must consider the following requirements with regard to standards, colors, and materials:

1. **Roof breaks** between attached garages and the roof of the home shall be a minimum (vertically) of 12 (twelve) inches. That is, the vertical distance from the roof of the home to that of the attached garage shall meet this minimum.
2. **Overhang:** Roof overhang shall not be less than 12 (twelve) inches from the face of the house, garage. (See no. 17 for other structure requirements)
3. Minimum **pitch** on any roof (home, garage, etc.) shall be at least 5/12 (i.e., Rise to run ratio 5:12)
4. **Setbacks** of attached garages shall be a minimum of 12 (twelve) inches. That is, (the garage shall be offset to the front or rear of the home by this distance or more.
5. **Siding** shall be of wood material such as reverse board and batten, cedar or oilier natural wood scheme. Stone, brick, and Stucco may also be used, either alone or in combination with each other or wood so long as they enhance the beauty of the home. Some vinyl and cement board sidings that meet specific criteria have also been pre-approved if used in a manner consistent with requirements for use of vinyl siding e.g. 10% of the total exterior wall area must be covered by stone or brick and the stone or brick shall be applied to a side of the home facing the street (including lake front lots) if the minimal amount is used.
6. Materials used for **garage doors** shall consist of wood or simulated wood look construction metal and of a color consistent with the overall color scheme of the home.
7. Vinyl and aluminum may be used for **trim, soffits, and shutters** only and with prior approval of the Architectural Control Committee.
8. **Colors** on all surfaces shall be subtle softer colors found in nature and suitably blended and matched with each other to provide a pleasing appearance. Primary and bright colors are not acceptable.

9. **Roof lines** (house or house and attached garage combined) shall not present a “straight line” appearance. A break or other construction technique of at least 12 inches shall be used to break up the outline.
10. **Landscaping** shall consist of a finished lawn (seeded black dirt or sodded surface), ~~and~~ decorative shrubs, and at least one tree in both the front and back yard with a minimum diameter of 4” and at least 10’ to 12’ in height when planted. Landscaping must be maintained to include mulching, trimming, splitting, etc. Overgrown and unkept terrain is not acceptable.
11. **Driveways, walks, and paths** of any type shall be finished with asphalt, concrete, or brick paving material.
12. **Oil, pellet, propane tanks, wood piles, and/or any alternative fuel heat sources**, if used, must be screened or covered with a wood structure that will screen them from view and must meet state fire marshal standards of safety.
13. No **structure or patio** shall be erected closer to the **lot lines** than the distances allowed by building restrictions applicable to that lot. (10’ from side property line and 40’ from the water side property line. The highest possible water level must be used when measuring)
14. **Living area** shall consist of the net living area within the home (excluding utility rooms) and shall not be less than 1,450 (one thousand-four hundred and fifty) square feet. A minimum ground floor footprint equal to 1,050 (one thousand and fifty) square feet is required for all homes.
 - a. A minimum of a two-car attached **garage** (minimum of 400 square feet) is required for all new home builds.
15. **Elevation** of finished floor above street level shall be in compliance with applicable building restrictions for that lot.
16. **Fences** shall be of wood or vinyl construction using traditional cross-buck or split rail design. Other materials or styles may be approved at the discretion of the Committee so long as they provide an appearance harmonious with the surrounding home sites. Cyclone (chain-link) fencing may be used with prior approval of the Architectural Control Committee. Chain-link fences and supporting structures must be vinyl coated and earth tone in color, preferably black, brown or green.
17. **Chimneys**, when used, shall be constructed of brick or stone. If metal chimney material (free standing pipe such as metalbestos) is used, it shall be enclosed in a wood enclosure similar in appearance to the home or an acceptable metal enclosure that presents a simulated brick appearance.
18. **Satellite Dishes**: Dishes shall not be larger than 32 inches. Dishes shall be mounted to the home/garage whenever possible. Dishes may be mounted elsewhere if screened or covered with a structure or landscaping that obscures view from the road.
19. **Solar Panels**: Are allowed with approved installation and location.
20. **Accessory Buildings**: An accessory building is considered to be any structure that is not an integral part of the home itself. The standards of construction stipulated for homes (materials, colors, etc.) shall apply. In addition, the following shall apply:
 - a. **Detached Garages**: One detached garage, not to exceed 580 square feet (24x24 or equivalent on a single lot; 24x36 on a double lot), may be approved for construction provided the plan is consistent with this policy and harmonious with other structures on property. Garages will have at a least 12” overhang. All detached garages shall be constructed with a concrete floor on the home site, which shall include lots that have been consolidated and are directly adjacent to the home. The detached garage shall be located in

the rear or side yard and never in front of a home (Lake lots may be approved for front placement in some situations.). Roofing may be approved shingles or metal with concealed fastener panels and standing seam profiles. Color selections must also be approved.

- b. **Sheds:** One (or two for members with an extra lot/lots) sheds per home site will be approved provided the plan is consistent with the standards set forth herein. In addition, no shed shall cover a ground area greater than 16 (sixteen) by 20 (twenty) feet. Any pre-made, pre-manufactured shed construction shall have a roof overhang of 6 (or 4 in circumstances that allow for structure stability) inches from the face of the structure. Approved shingles or approved metal roofs (color must also be approved) are acceptable on sheds 12 (twelve) by 14 (fourteen) feet (equaling 168 square feet or less) and under as long as the fasteners are color matched. Sheds larger than 12 (twelve) by 14 (fourteen) feet can have approved shingles or metal with concealed fastener panels and standing seam profiles. Color selections must also be approved.
- c. **Recreational Structures:** One (or two if there is at least one extra lot) other structures, such as a gazebo, constructed of a size not to exceed 144 square feet (12x12 or equivalent), provided the structure is consistent with this policy and approved by the Architectural Committee. Approved shingles or metal with concealed fastener panels and standing seam profiles. Color selections must also be approved.
- d. **Greenhouse Structures:** A greenhouse structure may be approved provided it is constructed of a size not to exceed 144 square feet and the plan is consistent with the standards set forth herein. In addition, the top half of the walls and a portion of the roof may be safety glass or an approved hard surface clear covering. The bottom half of the structure must be consistent with accessory buildings as stated above.
- e. **Tree Houses, Playscapes, Forts, Trampolines:** These structures will follow the location policy of POA structures, side, and rear yards. A variance can be applied for if the property has constraints. A limit of 1 trampoline, 1 treehouse or fort, and 1 playscape per member.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The prospective homeowner is required to submit the following documents to the Committee (through the Association business office) for approval prior to commencing any construction. A minimum of three copies of all documents are required to be submitted at the time of application. Permits from the Township and or County need to be presented to the Committee if applicable. The application fee for new home construction shall be \$250, whereas the application fee for additions and/or improvements to existing structures shall be \$25.

Plans or blueprints (architectural drawings are required for homes) depicting, as a minimum, the proposed floor plan of the home and a side, front and rear elevation view. Plans will be detailed with sufficient information (dimensions) so as to be easily readable. In addition, the plans will also contain detailed annotations indicating the following:

- Color and composition of siding: Please provide a sample. (None required for cedar siding) Color and Composition of roofing materials. Approved shingles or metal with concealed fastener panels and standing seam profiles. Color selections must also be approved.
- Color and composition of windows and outside doors.

A site plan depicting:

- Location of the home and any existing accessory structures (sheds/detached garages, etc.) with respect to lot lines.

- **Layout** of septic system, well or water supply, and propane tank (if required). Note: Site plan must indicate an approved screen or cover for the tank. State Fire Marshall approved plans are available through the Association business office.)
- **Location** of driveways and sidewalks and composition of same.
- A **basic landscaping scheme**. As a minimum, this should indicate the finished grass area (sod or seeded), shrubs, at least one tree in both the front and back yard and shall include screening for any ground mounted satellite dishes.
- preliminary copy of the Committee's checklist completed by the applicant indicating compliance with the standards and requirements of this policy.
- A **sample** or samples of siding materials shall be provided for the Committee's consideration and evaluation (not required for Cedar Siding), and **must include the manufacturer, color and specifications**.
- A member of the Architectural Control committee may need to walk property to verify before, during and after improvements are started/finalized.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW AND CONTROL

Once the application is received by the committee ~~twice a month as required~~, it will be reviewed. Once convened, the Committee will:

- Review the plans for conformance to this policy as well as the restrictions of record. A checklist, consistent with the requirements of this policy has been developed and will be used as part of the process.
- Have the choice to visit the proposed site with a view to determining the feasibility of the proposed structure.
- Discuss and resolve any problems or conflicts with the prospective homeowner and/or builder who may be invited to the meeting.
- Approve or disapprove the plans as applicable.

APPROVAL AND CONDITIONS THEREOF

Once the proposed construction is approved, the prospective homeowner will acknowledge the approval and all the requirements of same as well as his or her agreement to comply with same. These include, but are not limited to:

- Agreement to build only in accordance with the approved plans in their entirety and to post the Association Permit in a visible location during the period of construction.
- Agreement that, in the case of any changes to the original plan, regardless of their nature, they will secure approval for the deviation prior to proceeding.
- Agreement to finish construction no later than 8 (eight) months after securing approval from the Committee. Delays beyond this period require an application for extension from the Architectural Control Committee. Recertification of expired plans shall require a new application and fee. Completion is defined as:
- A completely finished structure to include all exterior paint and trim. In short, the house should “look finished” and pleasing to the eye no later than the dates listed in the Acknowledgement and Endorsement signed at the time of approval.

- A completed landscape scheme. This includes as a minimum: Finished and seeded lawn area or newly laid sod, a minimum of shrubs, 2 trees one front and one back yard, minimum of 4" diameter and 10 to 12 feet in height when planted (on cleared lots). and a completed, approved enclosure for any propane tank if needed. Also, any driveways or sidewalks/walkways should be finished with asphalt or concrete material so as to present an even, neat appearance.

PLEASE NOTE

- Paused or unfinished building and/or improvements are not allowed. This includes non-permit projects such as painting and other maintenance. If a project is not completed within the agreed timeline, an application for extension must be submitted and approved by the Committee. In the event that the delay is not approved, the project must be removed immediately. The Association reserves the right to remove unapproved construction at the cost of the Member.
- Dumpsters for debris or demolition require notice to the POA office as to the arrival and removal dates to be put on file. No dumpster shall be in place longer than a two week period.
- Variances approved at Township or County level will still need to be reviewed/approved by the Committee. Variances for Association specific standards may be considered.
- The Association and Committee standards, in most cases, are more stringent than those of the Township and County. Members must adhere to both.

VIOLATIONS WARNING

The protection of property value and the preservation of the harmonious aesthetic appearance of Lakewood Shores is paramount. Violation of these restrictions and requirements shall subject the offending party to Circuit Court injunctive proceedings with possible consequences of removal of violative structures, injunctive orders, attorney's fees, damages and cost of prosecution.

VINYL SIDING SPECIFICATIONS

The requirements for using vinyl siding as an alternate to all others shall be as follows:

1. Vinyl siding may be used only in conjunction with brick or stone. A minimum of 10% of the total area of exterior wall area must be brick or stone and must be on the roadside of the structure.
2. A sample of the exact brand and color, with support data and specifications shall be submitted to the Architectural Committee, with the building plans.
3. The submitted building plans shall show all buildings elevations and clearly indicate the vinyl siding, brick and or stone to be used on each.
4. Vinyl siding shall have a minimum thickness of .044" and meet or exceed specifications for rigid PVC siding ASTM D3679.
5. Color change resistance shall be equal to no more than three standard color units for 15 years.
6. Siding shall have a 3/4" deep profile.
7. Siding shall have a minimum MPH wind resistance per VSI wind speed calculations guidelines that meets or exceeds the specifications of the pre-approved brands listed below in #14.
8. Siding shall have a double hem-mounting flange.
9. Siding impact rating shall equal mean failure energy 60 in. lbs.
10. Siding color shall be subtle softer colors found in nature and suitably blended and matched with each other to provide a pleasing appearance. Primary and bright colors are not acceptable.
11. Siding shall be rigid enough to stand vertically unsupported and not buckle or deflect.

12. Contractor or installer must be approved by the Architectural Committee and the Architectural Committee must be notified when siding installation is to begin.
13. Approved siding quality and will be above or equal to the following brands:
 - LP Vinyl Siding: Norman Rockwell Series Color Guard
 - Certaineed: Monogram
 - Royal: Royal Woodland 16
 - Napco: American Splendor
 - Norandex: Great Barrier
 - Alcoa: Quest/Mastic
 - Preservation
 - Smart Siding by LP
 - Diamond Kote by LP
 - Atlas Stone, Tando Stone, or Versa Stone can be used instead of brick or stone

Architectural Control Committee – Policy on Enforcement of Standards

Whereas the Articles of Organization, Article II Section 1 – “Purpose” states that the Association was organized in part to provide “...for the administration and enforcement of any deed restrictions and architectural control requirements or policies covering such property in accord with the terms thereof...”.

Furthermore, the Association’s Architectural Control Standards state the goals and purpose of the Architectural Committee is to “...preserve the aesthetic harmony of Lakewood Shores with respect to any architectural or land improvements, modifications or other changes...As such, it is the responsibility of the “Committee” to see that any proposed building or other property improvements within Lakewood Shores meet these minimum standards.”

Therefore the following procedures have been adopted by the Board of Directors to help administrate member compliance with the Architectural Control Standards of the Association.

- All new members shall be given a printed copy of the Architectural Control Standards.
- All new plans shall be received by the Executive Director prior to any construction or improvement purchases.
- Follow-up inspections shall be conducted and documented periodically, until the homesite is completed.
- All architectural activity reported to be non-compliant shall be dealt with in the following manner.
 - Inspect the records and homesite to determine that non-compliance does exist.
 - If the homesite is constructed as approved, issue a letter informing the member that the Association erred in approving the non-compliant feature and seek a variance from the Board of Directors to allow the condition to exist until such time that the feature is modified or improved in any way OR the time of sale, whichever comes first.
 - If the homesite is not constructed as approved, issue a letter to the member advising them of the problem, seeking their resolution to the problem within a predetermined timeline.
 - If the member fails to remedy the situation within the time frame, issue a second letter notifying the member of possible consequences e.g. revocation of member- in-good standing status and/or pursuit of legal action.
 - If the second correspondence fails to resolve the matter, it shall be turned over to the Board of Directors for pursuit of legal action and/or monetary fines to enforce the Association’s Standards. A formal notice of Non-Compliance with Architectural Standards may also be filed by recording an affidavit with the Iosco County Register of Deeds.