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# **ARCHITECTURAL GUIDELINES**

## **FOR**

# BELLAVITA AT GREEN TEE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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### Architectural Guidelines For BellaVita at Green Tee Homeowners' Association

These Architectural guidelines were developed by the BellaVita Homeowners' Association in accordance with the provision of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for BellaVita at Green Tee Homeowners' Association, Inc. Article VI, Section 6 and Section 11 as well as other areas of that document which outline restrictions for use by homeowners.

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### **Definitions**

Terms used in this document have the following meanings:

Association

BellaVita at Green Tee Homeowners' Association-

ARC

Architectural Review Committee of the Association

BellaVita

All sections of BellaVita under the jurisdiction of the

Association

Board

The Board of Directors of the Association

Declaration

The Amended and Restated Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for BellaVita at Green Tee Homeowners' Association, Inc. filed on April 6, 2009 in the Official Public Records of Harris County, Texas.

Guidelines

Rules, standards and procedures established by the Board of Directors pertaining to buildings, additions or other modifications in BellaVita (see Article 1. paragraph. Q of The Declarations), BellaVita at Green Tee Homeowners' Association Improvement and Addition Guidelines dated May 1, 2003 and replaced with Architectural Guidelines' for BellaVita at Green Tee Homeowners' Association on January 1, 2012 and as may be further supplemented and amended from time to time.

**Managing Agent** 

Professional property management organization contracted and compensated by the Association to provide assistance to the Board. Managing Agent is identified in Appendix "A"

Master CCR's

Declaration of Protective Covenants for The Villas Master Association filed on January 24, 2001, in the Official Public Records of Harris County, Texas, as supplemented and amended from time to time.

Visible from Street:

Visible from any public or private street.

Address for Submission

BellaVita at Green Tee Homeowners' Association Association Management Inc.-Pearland 12243 Shadow Creek Pkwy, Building 3, Suite 100 Pearland, TX 77584 The purpose of architectural design guidelines is to keep BellaVita attractive for the enjoyment of residents and for the protection of property and property values. A home is often the most expensive item a person purchases. One of the joys of home ownership can be making improvements to alter or beautify the physical structure or property. However, homeowner deed restrictions determine what may or may not be done regarding most improvements. These Guidelines have been created to supplement the official homeowner association documents:

- Declaration of Protective Covenants for the Villas Master Association (Master CCRs)
- Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for BellaVita at Green Tee Homeowner's Association (Declaration)

These guidelines were developed to assure consistent application of the Declaration for all homeowners in BellaVita. They are intended to provide all owners in BellaVita with information about the:

- type, color, quality of materials which may be used in various kinds of improvements;
- size and locations of such improvements;
- procedure for submitting applications for improvements;
- procedure used by the ARC in reviewing applications for proposed improvements;
- procedure used by the homeowner in appealing decisions.

The Guidelines are not intended to stifle individual creativity but rather to stress and maintain community wide standards and harmony for the neighborhood.

The Declaration authorizes the Board and the ARC to establish rules, standards and procedures for the orderly development and maintenance of BellaVita. Unlike the Covenants, rules may change from time to time. The Covenants requires owners to obtain written approval from the Board, through the managing agent, for any buildings, additions or other modifications to their property PRIOR TO INSTALLATION. Submitting an application and obtaining approval for exterior modifications protects homeowners from any subsequent rule changes. This document is designed to provide homeowners with information and procedures for obtaining approval for improvements.

The ARC and the BVHOA Board reserve the authority to review and approve applications for buildings, additions, or improvements which are not explicitly described by these Guidelines and to consider additional Rules in the review process. The Board of Directors may amend these Architectural Guidelines from time-to-time as it deems necessary and appropriate.

#### How to use the document:

The ARC developed this document as a useful tool for homeowners who desire to make exterior modifications to their home. Each specific modification listed contains rules and regulations related to that item, independent of whether the rule originates in the Declarations, the Guidelines, or Texas Property Code. Throughout the document, text that is in *italics* represents text from one of the Declarations or Property Code. These rules cannot be changed or amended by the ARC or the Board of Directors. The information is included in this document to facilitate the application process for the homeowner. This document is fairly complete, but it is not comprehensive. Some deed restrictions may appear only in the Declarations.

# A. Application Procedure for Architectural Projects—See Flow Chart in Appendix B

### 1. Submissions:

No modifications may be started, constructed, erected, placed, maintained or made to any lot or property until complete plans and specifications have been submitted and approved in writing. This covers new construction as well as, but not limited to, additions, fences, patios, storage buildings, pools, walkways, driveway modifications and changes in house colors. All applications for approval to site or building construction, improvements, modification, alterations or additions shall be submitted to the Managing Agent in writing by fully completing the application form (Appendix "D"). Each application must be accompanied by two sets of plans/specifications. The plans/specifications must be supported by the following information:

- a. A copy of the existing lot survey including all existing buildings and structures without the proposed modification. [NOTE: Homeowners receive this document at closing.]
- A copy of the existing lot survey showing location of easements, existing buildings, and structures with the proposed location of the modification, all measurements and applicable building setback lines;
- Drawing(s) of the existing and proposed addition/modification showing the top, front, side, and rear exterior views; overall dimensions (length, width, height) of the modification; and the layout and dimensions of supporting structures;
- d. A description of all materials to be used including but not limited to, brick, siding, structure foundation, roofing material, and paint.
- e. Color samples for all colors involved must be included. One copy of each color sample or photographs will be accepted.
- f. Other information considered necessary for full evaluation including the impact on drainage for the property and neighboring properties.
- g. It is the owner's responsibility to determine all easements and setbacks that exist upon their property. No construction should occur within these easements or building setback lines. All building permits must be in effect at the time of construction. If construction is not commenced within six (6) months of the approved application, a new application must be submitted. All construction should be substantially complete within sixty (60) days from commencement.

The Board and the ARC reserve the right to request additional information deemed by it to be necessary to properly evaluate the application. In the event that the ARC and the Board request additional information and such information is not submitted by the applicant in a timely manner the application shall be invalid. However, the applicant may submit a new application with the requested information to the ARC for its review. The completed application form should be submitted to the Managing Agent with plans and specifications as indicated and signed by the property owner. Any questions pertaining to these standards may be directed to the Chairman of the ARC.

The application is considered submitted only upon <u>actual</u> receipt of the package by the Managing Agent. The Managing Agent will notify the homeowner when an application has been received. Approval/disapproval responses in writing are considered complete when given to or deposited in US mail.

#### 2. Review Procedure

- a. The Board delegates to the Managing Agent the initial review of each application and authorizes the Managing Agent to make decisions on its behalf based on the following guidelines:
  - (i) Any application that clearly meets all the requirements of the Guidelines in effect at the time and is in full compliance with the Declarations shall be approved. All others shall be disapproved.
  - (ii) An application may be approved pending the receipt of other permits or approvals that may be required from Harris County or other governmental entities. It is the responsibility of the owner to obtain all required City, County or other governmental permits.
  - (iii) If an application is disapproved because it does not clearly meet all the requirements of Guidelines and Declaration, the application is automatically routed to the ARC.
- b. Any application that is not approved, disapproved, or rejected within sixty (60) days after receipt shall be conclusively presumed to have been denied.
- c. All decisions shall be conveyed in writing by the Managing Agent to the applicant and shall include a statement of the conditions under which the application is approved, if any, or the primary reason(s) for disapproval of the application. No verbal approvals shall be granted.
- d. Work must commence within thirty (30) days of receipt of approval.
- e. Unless otherwise stated in a written response, all approved exterior changes, additions, or improvements shall be substantially complete within sixty (60) days of the date construction, installation or erection commenced.

### 3. Appeal Procedure

- a. In the event the Managing Agent disapproves an application, the applicant may within thirty (30) days submit a written appeal to the ARC with any additional information the applicant considers relevant to the original application.
- b. The ARC shall have thirty (30) days to review the appeal and make a decision.
- c. The decision of a majority of the members of the ARC to approve or to disapprove an application shall be considered the decision of the ARC.
- d. All decisions by the ARC shall be conveyed in writing by the Managing Agent to the applicant and shall include a statement of the conditions under which the application is approved, if any, or the primary reason(s) for disapproval of the application. No verbal approvals shall be granted.
- e. Unless otherwise stated in the ARC's written response, all approved exterior changes, additions or improvements shall be completed within sixty (60) days of the date construction, installation or erection is commenced.
- f. In the event that the appeal is denied by the ARC, the applicant may, within thirty (30) days, submit a written appeal to the Board of Directors.
- g. The Board of Directors shall review the appeal (after giving notice to the homeowners) at one of its next two (2) meetings following receipt of the appeal. All decisions of the Board of Directors shall be final.
- h. All decisions by the Board of Directors shall be conveyed in writing by the Managing Agent to the applicant and shall include a statement of the conditions under which the application is approved, if any, or the primary reason(s) for disapproval of the application. No verbal approvals shall be granted.

- i. Unless otherwise stated in the Board's written response, all approved exterior changes, additions or improvements shall be completed within sixty (60) days of the date construction, installation or erection is commenced.
- j. Status of Application during Appeal: During the appeal period, the decision on the original application shall remain in effect. Failure of the ARC or the Board of Directors to respond to a request for reconsideration within thirty (30) days of the date of its receipt shall <u>not</u> automatically result in approval of the original application.

### 4. Residential Plan Standards:

All plans and specifications shall be drafted in a professional manner. An architect or designer is not required, but recommended for easier interpretation and generally better design results. Our plan standards are as follows:

- a. <u>Drawings:</u> A site plan or lot survey to show the dimensions of the proposed construction or modification and distance from existing building and closest property line. Plan view (top view) and elevations (front, left, right, rear) must be drawn to architectural (i.e.: 1/8" = 1'0"), or engineering scale (i.e. 1/8" = 1'0")
- b. <u>Specifications</u>: List all specifications relating to project design, structural framing, and quality of exterior materials, colors, textures and shape.
- c. <u>Basis of Approval</u>: Approval of plans and specifications shall be based, among other things, on adequacy of site dimensions, structural design, conformity and harmony with external design and of location with neighboring structures and sites, and conformity to both the specific and general intent of the restrictions and surrounding properties. Review and approval may be made solely on the basis of aesthetic considerations.

### 5. Contractor/Owner Construction Requirements:

The property owner has contracted with their selected contractor to provide construction services. It is the property owner's responsibility to ensure the contractor is aware of and understands the requirements of the Declaration and these Guidelines. The owner and contractor acknowledge and accept the authority of the Homeowners' Association to require certain standards. The owner and contractor acknowledge and accept the authority of the Homeowners' Association to enforce adherence to these standards through fines or other legal action. The owner and contractor agree to abide by the following:

- a. The burning of construction material, debris and other scrap on the property or in BellaVita is <u>strictly prohibited</u>.
- b. The work site shall be kept clean daily. The property owner and the contractor are responsible for all trash and debris being picked up and removed promptly. No dumping within BellaVita is allowed.
- c. Contractors are responsible for keeping mud, dirt, etc. off of the roadway and meeting all E.P.A. requirements regarding movement of silt and other materials from construction site to drainage swales and/or adjacent properties. Contractors will be responsible for repair to any road, road right-of-way, shoulders, curbs, or drainage swales damaged during the course of construction.
- d. Dumping or cleaning of cement trucks or dumping of construction material is not allowed within BellaVita, common areas and right-of-way (i.e., ditches, streets, parks, or storm sewers and all easements).

- e. Design of common area and roadside and reighbor drainage swales must not be altered.
- f. Construction access is limited to Applicant's property. Any damage done to Homeowners' Association and/or neighboring property shall be restored to the original condition as determined by the Homeowners' Association and/or neighbor at the property owner's expense.
- g. No building materials or contractor's equipment shall be left on the street overnight.
- h. Construction work shall be limited to the time period 7am to7pm on Monday through Saturday and 10 am to 5 pm on Sunday.

### 6. Compliance Inspection:

The Homeowners' Association MAY require site inspections including but not limited to:

- a. Periodic Inspection: If performed, will be to inspect for compliance of utility easement, drainage easements, flowage easements, and setbacks to inspect for compliance of all building requirements such as disposal of debris, burning of debris and all other requirements made by the contractor/owner.
- b. Final Inspection: A final inspection will be performed to review the site after completion of modification(s) to verify aesthetic condition of the addition/changes, verify compliance with the guidelines, and verify compliance with submitted plans and specifications. Included are but not limited to additions, pools, decking, walkways, painting, landscaping, and other items necessary to present an aesthetic condition on the lot. Final inspection shall not be relied upon by any person or entity as to the structural integrity, sufficiency, suitability, fitness, workmanship or quality of the design, construction of the improvements, compliance with the Declaration, and compliance with the Architectural Guidelines or any other matter. Neither the Board of Directors, Architectural Review Committee, Property Managers, nor any of their respective members, officers, directors, shareholders, employees or agents shall be liable because of the approval or non-approval of any modification.
- c. Non-compliance with Board approval: If for any reason a structure is deemed not to be in compliance with approved plans, the owner will be notified in writing. The HOA will require the cessation of construction until the item(s) in non-compliance are corrected. Be advised failure to submit to the ARC for approval prior to beginning construction, commencement of construction before approval is received or failure to install/build as approved may be subject to fines imposed on the property owner for non-compliance.

### B. General Rules for Architectural Improvements:

The Board and the ARC shall consider the following factors upon the review of each application for all site or building construction, improvements, modifications, alterations or additions thereto:

- 1. The parent documents which govern the rules and regulations of this homeowners' association are:
  - a. Declaration of Protective Covenants for the Villas Master Association (Master CCRs)
  - b. Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for BellaVita at Green Tee Homeowners' Association (Declaration)
  - c. This document: Architectural Guidelines for BellaVita at Green Tee Homeowners' Association

- 3. The quality of construction and materials, colors, exterior design (elevation), size (dimensions), and location must be harmonious with existing and other proposed structure and location with respect to topography and finished grade elevation, and must be in compliance with the provisions of the Declaration and with surrounding properties. All improvements must be complimentary to the home and conform with new construction standards applicable to the neighborhood.
- The location of any improvement must not violate the building setback lines, utility or drainage easements as shown on the official recorded plat, nor obstruct driver's vision at street intersections, nor change the drainage path for any neighbor's lot.
- Improvements that are intended for other than single-family residential purposes are not permitted.

NOTE: The Board will not grant permission to place a building over, under, upon or across any utility easement unless consent to encroach upon any utility easement is obtained in writing from the owner of the easement (i.e. utility companies) by the property owner.

The ARC or the Board shall also consider the provisions of the Declaration and of applicable statutes, ordinances and building codes. However, approval of an application shall not be construed as a warranty or representation by the ARC, Managing Agent, or Board that the modification, addition or improvement, as proposed as built, complies with any or all applicable statutes, ordinances or building codes or as a warranty or representation by the ARC, Managing Agent, or the Board of the fitness, design or adequacy of the proposed construction.

### C. Development Standards for Architectural Improvements:

#### 1. Exterior Painting

Exterior surfaces of any residence, garage door, exterior doors, or other structures on any lot may be painted the same color and quality as the original paint. Different colors require ARC approval.

- a. The front door shall be maintained to the original configuration including color, material, and type of glass. No replacement door of a solid material without the window is allowed. The door glass shall not be replaced with any other type of material
- b. A color sample or "paint chip" of the proposed exterior color(s) must be included with each application submitted to the ARC.
- c. A sample of the existing paint color must also be included with each application.
- d. Only colors consistent with BellaVita Standards will be approved. Refer to Appendix C, BellaVita Color Schemes.
- e. Brick may not be painted or stained.

g. Trim – Soffit, fascia board, window and door trim and rain gutters must also be harmonious colors.

### 2. Exterior Siding

When siding is replaced or added to any existing structure or new modifications on the lot, it must be of the same type, quality, size and color as the existing siding on the home.

a. Exterior siding must be installed and maintained to avoid sagging, warping, algae, or irregular coloration; BellaVita at Green Tee HOA may require the homeowner (at homeowner's sole responsibility and expense) to repair or replace siding that fails to adhere to these guidelines.

### 3. Roofing Materials and Accessories:

Any new roof must resemble the shingles used on property in the community. A copy of the contractor's quote showing the shingle type, style, age rating and color must accompany the application. An alternative to the Contractor's quote would be a 2" X 2" square sample of the shingle submitted with the application.

- a. Materials and installation shall comply with hurricane wind requirements as established by local code authority having jurisdiction.
- b. Material: The proposed shingles shall be of an acceptable type, quality, and color that are harmonious with the residence. Shingled roof shall have a minimum 20 year warranty. Shingles that are wind and hail resistant, provide heating and cooling efficiencies, and/or solar energy generation must conform to aesthetic requirements as stated in this section.
- c. Accessories: All roof protrusions shall be located to the rear of the ridgeline and/or gable of any structure and shall not extend above the highest point of the structure. All roofing additions, wind turbines and vents (if any) must match the roofing material and/or color as closely as possible. The Board shall have the right to approve exceptions to the foregoing in cases where energy conservation and heating/cooling efficiency require solar panels, ventilators, or other such devices that, because of a particular roof design or orientation, cannot be hidden from public view.

#### 4. Front Yard Art:

Yard art shall be permitted in the front/side yard under the following conditions:

- a. Location: Art must be an integral part of the landscaping and blend in with the existing shrubbery or trees.
- b. Size: Yard art shall not exceed thirty-six (36) inches in height. The exception is decorative landscape planters used for the display of *living* flowers or other approved landscape material.
- c. Materials: Decorative accessories and landscape planters must be constructed of durable materials.
- d. Maintenance: All accessories shall be maintained in such a fashion as to not detract from the neighborhood. Landscape planters must be maintained with *living* landscape materials at all times.
- e. Traditional holiday decorations and lights may be displayed for two (2) months prior to and one (1) month after any commonly recognized holiday for which such lights are traditionally displayed.

Fountains are permitted under the following conditions:

- a. Fountains shall be permitted in the front yards, street side yards, rear yards, and courtyards of residential homes
- b. Fountains shall be limited in height to three (3) feet above the natural grade of the lot in front and side yards. Any fountain shall be of natural material, color and design, each of which is compatible with the overall architectural theme of BellaVita at Green Tee.
- c. Only one (1) fountain will be allowed per lot.
- d. Style, design, and location of fountain must be approved by the Architectural Review Committee.

### 6. Banners/Flags:

The Association encourages its residents to display the American flag with due respect to U.S. Flag code. Flying the U.S. flag, the State of Texas flag, or flag of U.S. armed forces does not require a submittal to the Architectural Review Committee. They may be flown at anytime as long as they are in compliance with this regulation.

- a. Maximum of two (2) 3' by 5' foot flags mounted on flagpoles attached to the front of the home are permitted. The flagstaff mounted to the home shall be limited to six (6) feet in length and must not protrude above the first floor eave or plate line.
- b. No more than one (1) permanent flagpole of not more than 20' in height is permitted.
- c. Temporary in-ground flags on poles shall be permitted on certain holidays (such as President's Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Patriot's Day and Veteran's Day). This is allowed for a reasonable number of days before and after the above listed holidays.
- d. Flags may not be used to advertise or promote any product or commercial enterprise. Flags for service organizations, schools, or universities may be flown on a temporary basis when appropriate.
- e. Flags must not be mounted directly on exterior walls or doors or on fences.
- f. No clanging chains or otherwise noisy apparatus shall be attached to the flag.
- g. All flags must be maintained in good condition and should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement. Flag etiquette must be followed at all times. Proper lighting is required for nighttime display of the U.S. flag.

### 7. Religious Displays:

Displays of "sincere religious beliefs" are permitted without application if the following regulations are met:

- All displays are limited to the entry door or door frame and cannot extend past the outer edge of the door frame.
- 2. Not more than two (2) displays are permitted.
- 3. Maximum space allotted to religious item/s shall be no more than 25 square inches.
- 4. The item cannot threaten public health or safety.
- The display cannot violate the law.
- 6. Language or graphics can not be patently offensive to passersby.

The Association may remove any item that does not conform to this rule.

Vessels which hold hoses are permitted at the front spigot of the home. Because of the differences in the look of certain hose holders, it is suggested the resident use his/her most conservative judgment in shape and color when purchasing the hose holder. Hoses laying on the ground or wrapped around the spigot on the front or side of the home are not allowed.

#### **Outdoor Lighting:** 9.

Outdoor lighting shall be installed in such a way to shield or minimize the amount of spill light on adjacent properties, homes or streets. All lights must be installed no higher than the first story plate line. The only exceptions are low voltage landscaping lights. Approval is needed for both front and rear yard lighting.

Landscape Lighting: Lights must be located at ground level in flowerbeds and must illuminate white. Maximum height is eighteen (18) inches. Maximum wattage for landscape spotlights is 35 per light.

#### 10. Driveways:

Under no circumstances will painted or stained driveways be permitted.

- a. The replacement of concrete driveways is to be a minimum four (4) inches thick reinforced with welded wire fabric (WWF) or rebar over a sand base. Expansion joints are recommended. County specifications regarding driveway cuts and curb returns at driveway openings shall be adhered to.
- b. Side extensions are permitted up to a maximum of 30 inches wide and shall not exceed the lot line. Materials shall be concrete, guarried stone, or paver stone with sufficient base to be structurally sound for supporting a vehicle.

#### 11. Walkways:

Walkways should be a complimentary component and should not compete visually with the house or landscape.

- a. A walkway must be at least three (3) feet in width and no more than five (5) feet in width unless a variance of this rule is granted by the Board.
- b. Walkways must be constructed of unit masonry, quarried stone, paver stone, or concrete.

#### Swimming Pools, Spas, Hot tubs and Ponds (Water Gardens): 12.

- a. Location: Pools or spas, including equipment, must be located in the back or side yard behind the fence. Backwash lines shall be terminated to the sewer.
- b. Height: Swimming pool appurtenances, such as rock waterfalls and slides must not exceed six (6) feet in height when measured from the natural ground. No portion of swimming pool accessories (slides, diving boards, waterfalls, raised beams, etc.) may exceed six (6) feet in height from natural ground or be visible above the top of the fence and must be screened with landscaping. Spa enclosures require application approval. Additional landscape screening may be required.
- c. Fencing/Screening: All private swimming pools and spas, including pool equipment, must be completely screened from view.
- d. Construction Access: Pool construction access routes must be clearly defined from the street to the pool excavation sight. Access must be granted by the appropriate entity and a written authorization must be submitted with the approval application prior to pool installation.

- e. Maintenance: All swimming Pools and spas must be properly maintained year-round. Proper area drainage to the front of the property must be maintained and pool run off/drainage must not affect neighboring properties. If area drains are routed to the street, the sidewalk and/or curb must be saw cut, broke out and properly replaced. Equipment must be maintained as to not cause a noise violation to adjacent neighbors.
- f. Prohibited Structures: Portable or permanent above ground swimming pools are strictly prohibited.
- g. Required Submittal Information: Along with the completed application, a copy of the lot survey by a professional land surveyor is required (the survey received at closing). A second copy of the survey is required with the pool imaged onto the survey. In addition, the pool plan sketch/detail, the location of the pool equipment, the filter type, drainage, access route information, detailed scope of work to be performed and contractor's name/phone number must be included.
- h. A \$5,000 deposit check is required with the submittal of the approval application to ensure that if the homeowner's contractor damages any common area or a neighbor's property, it is restored to the Association's and neighbor's satisfaction.

### 13. Basketball Goals:

Individual basketball goals are not permitted.

### 14. Arbors, Pergolas, and Gazebos:

Arbors, Pergolas, and Gazebos shall be defined as an attached or free standing, opened framed structure whose purpose is to provide shade. They shall not be used for any type of open storage and must be maintained at all times. They may not encroach upon any building line or easement. They may only be built on the back or side of the house.

- a. If attached to the home: It must match the primary color of the home. It may not be closer than five (5) feet to the property line. It may not be higher than the fascia on the home.
- b. If free-standing: All materials must be harmonious with the architecture and color of the home. The area of the base should be proportional to the size of the lot and may not exceed ten (10) feet in height from ground to top. Additional landscape screening may be required.
- c. Material: Supporting structural members must be constructed of materials resistant to decay such as engineered wood/ Trex or embossed architectural aluminum. Hurricane strapping at the base and roof is required.

#### 15. Patio Decks:

Patio decks are restricted to the rear or side yard.

a. Materials: All above ground structures shall be made of either weather resistant wood, engineered wood, masonry or concrete. In all cases, the design and materials must complement the house design.

### 16. Covered Patio Structures and Awnings:

Covered patio structures are considered to be additions to the rear or side of the residence that have no enclosure walls. Attached patio structures must be painted to match the primary color of the home or the trim.

a. Material: The standard, type, quality and color of the materials used in the construction of a patio cover must be harmonious with the standard, type,

- b. Dimensions: The top of the patio cover at its lowest point shall not be higher than nine (9) feet from the ground level (typical first floor plate height). The patio cover roof shall provide an attractive slope with a minimum 4/12 roof pitch away from the home, at an angle that does not exceed that of the roof of the residence. Flat roof patio covers are not permitted.
- Awnings: A retractable awning is allowed as long as the color is complementary to the house. Awnings must be well-maintained.

### 17. Patio Enclosures:

A patio enclosure is any patio cover that has exterior walls.

a. Material: The standard, type, quality and color of the materials used in the construction of patio enclosures must be harmonious with the standard, type quality and color of the materials used in the construction of the main residence (i.e. brick home, enclosure must be brick to match the home). The slope of the patio enclosure roof is to match the slope of the house and must be chingled to match the existing roof and in compliance with the roofing guidelines set forth herein. Corrugated fiberglass, plastic, or metal roofs for patio enclosures shall not be permitted under any circumstances. Hurricane strapping at the base and roof is required. The exterior color of the walls, doors, windowsills beams, frames or other visible supports must match the exterior color of the residence. Covered patio enclosures must be maintained at all times. Additional landscape screening may be required.

### 18. Outbuildings:

Outbuildings are any type of structure detached from the residence used for any purpose, such as but not limited to, storage shed, storage container, workshop, tool shed, children's playhouse, greenhouse, or dog house.

Outbuildings must meet the following guidelines:

- a. Location: They are restricted to the rear and side yard. They cannot be placed in utility easements or in setback areas as defined on the lot plat.
- b. Size: Storage buildings may not exceed 100 square feet in area and those that are visible to common areas, other homes, or to streets may not exceed six feet (6') in height.
- c. Material: The standard, type, quality, and color of the materials used in the construction of an outbuilding must be harmonious with the standard, type, quality and color of the materials used in construction of the main residence. Prefabricated (Rubbermaid type) storage containers may be allowed provided they are not visible to common areas, other homes, or streets.
- d. Screening: Landscape screening may be required.
- e. Submission: When submitting the "Request for Home Improvement Approval", a drawing of the storage building on a copy of the original plat must be attached.

This drawing must show the overall dimensions (height, width, and length) and location on the lot.

f. They must satisfy the city, county, and state requirements for a secure foundation to protect adjacent property in a storm.

### 19. Antennas and satellite dishes:

For details regarding antennas and satellite dishes, see the Declarations, Article VI, Section 7.

### 20. Solar Screens, Storm Doors, Window Films and Storm Windows:

- a. Solar screens may be installed on all windows on the front, side or back of the house. An acceptable material for solar screening is a heavy gauge vinyl mesh that is available in a color harmonious to the exterior. The mesh must be enclosed and framed. The mounting of the solar screen should not detract from the overall appearance of the house.
- b. Only full view storm doors may be installed. The suggested material for storm doors is aluminum. Window film placed on storm doors must follow the window film guidelines.
- c. Window film may be installed on the front, side, or back of the home. Absolutely no mirrored, fully reflective bronze or any other colored film is allowed on any windows.
- d. Storm windows must be architecturally consistent with the architecture of the house.
- e. Window Protection for Entire Hurricane/Season (June 1st through November 30th): During hurricane season window protection covering may be installed for extended time periods (but not more than 2 weeks before nor 2 weeks after the season) and do not have to be associated with any particular storm. This type of solution must be harmonious with the materials used in construction of the residence. All window coverings that are installed for an extended time during hurricane season require ARC approval. Once a window covering is approved, it does not require additional approval each year.
- f. Window Protection for Single Hurricane Event: Window protection coverings that are installed for a specific hurricane are deemed to be temporary. The window protection coverings must be removed within a reasonable period after cancellation of the hurricane watch or the passage of the hurricane. The type of window protection material used for temporary coverings is left to the discretion of the homeowner and does not require ARC approval.
- g. Permanent hurricane shutters (e.g. Rollac) require application and, once approved, are never removed.

### 21. Fencing:

Fencing must be in accordance with the Architectural Guidelines.

- a. Wrought Iron Fencing
  - (i) For those lots where such fencing is required the fencing height is to be consistent with the original height before replacement and must be painted black.
  - (ii) The metal pickets must be a maximum of four (4) inches on center.
  - (iii) Black bottom portion "puppy bars" are permitted.
- b. Wood Fencing:

- (i) Fence sides visible to the public and common areas must be the "finished" side of the fence.
- (ii) Maximum height of any fence will be six (6) feet.
- (iii) Lattice fencing is not permitted.
- (iv) Posts shall be a maximum of eight (8) feet apart and installed to a minimum of 24". [Recommendation: Putting concrete around the base of the 4X 4 post will build a stronger, longer lasting fence.]
- (v) No front yard fencing is allowed.
- (vi) Wood fences may not be altered in any form or fashion to incorporate any artistic design, cutouts, wagon wheels, etc.
- (vii) To prevent inconsistent color matches with the fences throughout the community, painting and varnishing of the wood is not permitted.
- (viii) Wooden fences may be sealed with a clear preservative. Prior to sealing a fence, the wood must either be pressure washed or chemically cleaned. See Appendix B.
- (ix) Decorations may be mounted to the fence under the following conditions:
  - (a) Item must be harmonious with the surroundings.
  - (b) Item must be securely mounted.
- (x) Wooden gates may not exceed forty two (42) inches in width. Minimum gate width is 36". This allows mowing personnel access to back yards. No double gates will be allowed.
- (xi) Prohibited Fencing: Vinyl, chain link, lattice and wice fencing shall not be permitted.

### 22. Lake Lots:

Lots along the lake shall retain the wrought iron fence as provided by the Declarant. Homeowners may not replace it with any other type of fencing material. These residences also have additional restriction as follows:

- a. Pools, spas, and hot tubs are not allowed.
- b. Outbuildings are not allowed on these lots.
- c. Storage containers of a generally commercial type, designed for outside usage for garden implements, not to exceed 36 inches tall are permitted on lake lots provided that they are directly next to the residence at the rear or side of the property, behind the front fence and screened from general view by landscaping at the sides. They require submission for approval.

### 23. <u>Generators:</u>

- a. A portable electrical generator is permitted for emergency use without prior approval.
- b. Permanent generators shall be placed at the side or rear of the residence behind the front fence. On lots with wrought iron fencing, it shall be screened from view by landscaping.

### 24. Energy Conservation Systems:

- a. Rainwater harvesting—Rain barrels are permitted under the following conditions:
  - (i) color complementary to colors of the exterior of the home
  - (ii) not visible from the street. If visible from the street, screening will be required.

- b. Solar panels Solar panels used for solar-generated energy may be installed under the following conditions:
  - (i) roof-mounted -- no higher than roofline; parallel with roofline; and conform to slope of roofline
  - (ii) within the fenced yard but not taller than the fence.
  - (iii) solar panel frames, brackets, wires, and pipes are silver, bronze or black.

#### 25. Signs:

- a. Political signs shall be permitted under the following conditions:
  - (i) All signs must be ground-mounted within the owner's property lines.
  - (ii) Signs are to be no larger than 24" x 36".
  - (iii) Signs are to be of wood, cardboard or plastic material.
  - (iv) One political sign per candidate or ballot item is permitted on each lot.
  - (v) All signs must be erected no earlier than 90 days before an election and removed within 10 days of the election.
- b. Refer to Master CCRs and the BellaVita Declaration for information on all other signs.

### 26. Zero Lot Lines:

a. Emergency exit gates from adjacent zero lot line properties must maintain a free and unobstructed means of escape from the gate through the side gate back to the effected property or to a public right of way. Do not landscape or install any improvements that obstruct this gate or means of exit.

[NOTE:] Because the code requires a means of exit to an open outside area of a public right of way through windows or doors from bedrooms, the emergency exit gate must be maintained as a legal means of egress. Blocking this gate is a violation of the City of Pearland code according to the City of Pearland Fire Marshal and could lead to fines if blocked.

b. Flowerbeds built along the zero lot line of the adjacent house shall be prepared such that the soil and mulch do not cover the weepholes.

### 27. Garage Conversions

Conversions are not permitted. No garage shall be enclosed or modified so as to reduce its capacity for parking vehicles.

### 28. Common Areas/Ground Owned by the HOA

- a. Residents desiring to place property on Common Areas must make application to the ARC.
- b. All property placed in Common Areas must be approved by the Board of Directors of BellaVita at Green Tee HOA.
- c. Property may include but not be limited to: Park Benches, Tables, and chairs.
- d. Property purchased by the Residents and put in common areas shall be donated to and become the property of the HOA.
- e. Residents shall provide to the Board of the HOA, copies of product information and sales receipts

#### D. Variances:

Variances to the Architectural Guidelines may be granted at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors of BellaVita. No Variance shall be granted unless the general purposes and intent of the Declaration and Guidelines are maintained. Any variance granted shall only be applicable to the specific site and conditions for which the variance was granted, and shall not modify or change any design standards as they apply to other sites or conditions. All variances must be confirmed in writing and signed by the Board or its designated representatives prior to construction of the improvement. No verbal variances shall be granted.

### E. Special Circumstances:

Acts of Nature constitute a special circumstance and will be handled on a case by case basis.

### APPENDIX "A"

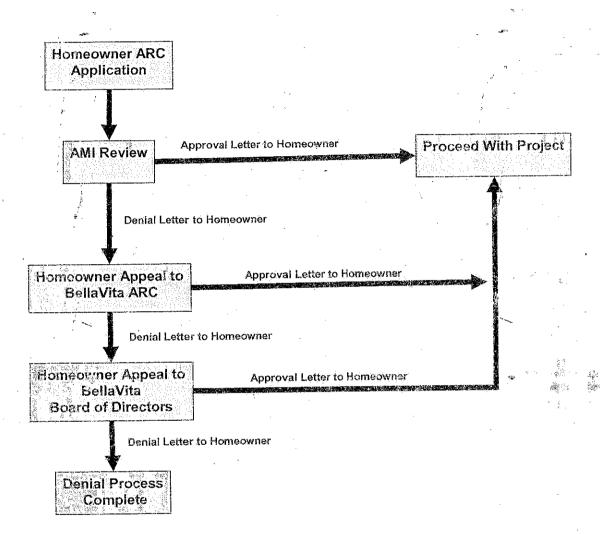
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Houston, Texas 77040-6205
Phone: 713-932-1122
Fax: 713-932-6059

Association Management, Inc. – Pearland 12243 Shadew Creek Pkwy, Building 3, Suite 100 Pearland, TX 77584 Phone: 713-332-4675

Property Manager: Emma Deatherage Company E-mail: edeatherage@amitx.com Web: www.amitx.com

#### APPENDIX "B"

### ARC Procedure Flow chart



#### APPENDIX "C"

### Color palette

The following specific products are provided as a Community-wide standard. Equivalent products are acceptable.

Exterior Colors: Products below are for color reference only.

Sherwin Williams Sandbar Monarch Chamois (MK2278) Monarch Driftwood (MK2252)

#### Fence Products:

Pickets 1x6 Cedar, lumber grade #1 or #2
Posts 4x4 Treated Yellow Pine, Lumber Grade #2, treated Grade .40; CPF
Rails 2x4 Treated Yellow Pine, Lumber Grade #3, Treatment Grade .25 cpf

#### Fence Sealant:

Sherwin Williams #A18Y50500 Thompson's Water Seal

#### APPENDIX "D'

### REQUEST FOR HOME IMPROVEMENT APPROVAL FORM

This form is available in the resident section of the BellaVita website (www.club-bellavita.org) under FORMS.



# BELLAVITA AT GREEN TEE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

### REQUEST FOR HOME IMPROVEMENT APPROVAL

In an effort to provide and protect each individual Homeowners' rights and values, it is required that any homeowner or group of owners considering improvements and/or changes to their home or property submit this form to the Managing Agent prior to installation. If any change is made that has not been approved, the association has the right to ask the homeowner to remove the improvement(s) and/or change(s) from the property.

Please Note: Contractors cannot sul	<u>bmit applicatio</u>	ons on the home	<u>owner's behalf.</u>
? Please fill out this form in COMPLETE o		*	
OWNER'S NAME:			
MAILING ADDRESS:			·
ADDRESS WHERE CONSTRUCTION		•	
₹:		*	
PHONE: (HOME)			
TYPE OF IMPROVEMENT/CHANGE P	ROPOSED:		
PAINTING: (All samples must be submi Color of Brick:			
Color to be used for:  Main portion of house (including g Trim (soffit, fascia boards, window Accents (shufters, window hoods,	/ trim)		

### STRUCTURES:

If you are building/installing a structure (including storage buildings) with walls and a roof, you must include an elevation drawing showing the dimensions of the structure, including the height.

If you are building a pool, a \$5,000.00 deposit is required with the application.

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Failure to submit the lot survey, color samples, material samples, plans or any other necessary information will result in the application being returned to the homeowner for the additional information. Incomplete applications cannot be processed and will be deemed denied until all required information is received.

I understand that the Association will act on this request as quickly as possible and contact me regarding their decision. I agree not to begin property improvements/changes until the Managing Agent notifies me of the approval.

I understand and agree that it is the duty of the Owner and any contractor or consultant employed by the Owner to determine that the proposed improvement is structurally, mechanically, and otherwise safe, and that it is designed and will be constructed in accordance with the Covenants and Restrictions applicable to the lot. Lagree that neither the association, nor any Director, Officer, Committee, Managing Agent, or member of employee thereof (the "Indemnified Parties"), shall be liable for damages or otherwise because of the approval or non-approval of this application or any facet thereof. I hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Indemnified Parties from any claim, liability, damage, suit and attorney's fees arising out of any action or omission of any of the Indemnified parties with regard to this application and in regard to the design plan review, construction or inspection of the proposed improvements, including any claims. Iliability, damages, suits and attorney's fees resulting from the negligent acts of one of the Indemnified Parties.

Printed name of Homeowner	Proposed construction start date	
Signature of Homeowner	Proposed completion date	

#### SUBMIT FORM TO:

Association Management, Inc. – Houston 12243 Shadow Creek Pkwy, Building 3, Suite 100 Pearland, TX 77584

PLEASE NOTE: THE MANAGING AGENT HAS THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE THE APPLICATION IS RECEIVED TO REVIEW APPLICATIONS.



### Request for Home improvement - Pools

If installing a pool, please complete and submit this page with the <u>Request for</u> Home <u>Improvement</u> form.

A.	Equipment Location
В.	Backwash to Sewer
Ç.	Easement Lines
D.	Trees to be Removed
	Existing 6' Fence with Self-Latching gateYesNo
F.	Color of Deck
	Pool Drain – Re-circulates Back to PoolYesNo
	Area Drains to streetNo (This will drain rainwater only.)
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J.	Distance from edge of pool to each lot line
	Type of coping
	Type of filter
	Fence Work to be Done
	Equipment Location
Ο.	A Deposit Check of \$5,000 must accompany this application
Р.	All Equipment, Deck, Coping and Pool are below 6' Fence that surrounds backyardNo
Q.	Sliding Board
R.	Location of Backwash
S.	Location of Sewer
Т.	A Lot plan showing Easements, Existing Improvements, Proposed Pool, Deck

and Equipment must accompany this application.

### BELLAVITA AT GREEN TEE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

### CERTIFICATION

"I, the undersigned, being the President of Bellavita at Green Tee Homeowners' Association, Inc., hereby certify that the foregoing was adopted by at least a majority of the Association Board of Directors on the 9th day of

December, 2011."

ACKNOWLEDGEMNENT

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF HARRIS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day, personally appeared the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same as the act of the Association for the purpose and consideration therein expressed and in the capacity therein stated.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 26 day of December

NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF TEXAS COMMISSION EXPIRES:

After Recording Return to: HOLT & YOUNG, P.C. 11200 Richmond Ave., Ste. 450 Houston, Texas 77082

ANY PROVISION HEREN WHEN RESTRETS THE SUE REITH, OR USE OF THE DESCRIPTO FEAR PROPERTY SECRIPTION OF THE WAR SHAND AND INSPERIOR CASE LIMITED FRAIL LAW THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HARRIS

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