

When a homeowner submits a set of plans to the Architectural Review Committee, they may be wondering what does the ARC actually review? We are looking for conformance with the Covenants and Restrictions, and the Architectural Review Guidelines (ARG) that every homeowner received at Closing. These guidelines are mostly common sense requirements that will maintain our neighborhood's beautiful appearance that first attracted us to live here. The committee checks to see if everyone has interpreted those guidelines with that in mind so that we all maintain the value of our financial investment while we decorate and landscape our personal property.

An application should be presented on the Form that came with the ARG, but that is not absolutely necessary. There should be details that include the outline or plot plan of the lot and the house. It does not have to be fancy and drafted. If there are plants in the landscaping, we need a list or illustration of what they are since some are restricted. Decks need plans so we can see the effect it will have on your neighbors' views, if any. A fence should be submitted with enough details so we can tell which type you are going to use and where it will be erected.

Please remember, we are all volunteers and meet just once a month. Any details you can give us are greatly appreciated. They will avoid us having to ask for clarification and slowing down your approval. The vast majority of submittals are approved the first time, since everyone is interested in maintaining the appearance of our village while beautifying their homes.

Tony Eden, ARC Secretary