

THE MEADOWS OF SEVEN POINTS

RULES & REGULATIONS

Subject	Effective Date	Approved by	Amended Date
Flagpole In-Ground Installation	February 26, 2015	Meadows of Seven Points Homeowners' Association Board of Directors	Nov 6, 2023

Purpose & Scope

To establish a uniform guideline related to the enforcement of our Amended and Restated Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&Rs). This document shall pertain to all current and future residents of the Meadows of Seven Points (MOSP).

Authority

Amended & Restated Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&Rs)

- Article VII, Section 5, Signs and Billboards, Posters and Flags
- Meadows of Seven Points website: MOSPHOA.com
- [United States Flag Code, Title 36, Chapter 10](#)
- [Freedom to Display the American Flag Act 2005](#)
- [National Flag Foundation](#)

General Information

The United States Flag Code, adopted in 1923 and later amended, prescribes flag etiquette for a variety of circumstances ensuring that our nation symbol is treated properly.

The policy reflects the National Flag Foundation (NFF) explanation of the United State Flag in layman's terms. The NFF is recognized as the foremost authority in the world regarding the United States Flag.

Flagpole Installation

- Installation of an in-ground flagpole should complement the landscape of the neighborhood as well as the individual home and property.
- In-ground flagpole should not create an audible disturbance to surrounding neighbors.

Desired Lot Locations

- Front elevation, street facing corner of garage, close to garage door.
- Inside the concrete walkway leading from driveway to front door.
- The ARC will work with the Homeowner to find a suitable location.

Distance from the House

- Flagpole must be far enough away so that the 3' x 5' flag does not touch the house or any other surface such as gutters, trees.

- Minimum of 6 feet; maximum of 10 feet.

Specifications

- Height of the pole shall be determined by, and proportionate to, the top of the highest gutter line of the garage elevation of the house – not to exceed 20’.
- Diameter of pole should be between 2” and 3”.
- Pole may be aluminum, fiberglass, steel or composite with single flag capability, either sectional or tapered as one piece for residential application.
- Color of pole should be black to coordinate with lamp post and mailbox while top finial may be black, gold or silver.

Halyard (Rope) Specs

- Black to coordinate with pole, mailbox and lamp post. Black rope is readily available at hardware and building stores.

Lighting

- Flagpole must be illuminated from dusk to dawn in order to be visible from a reasonable distance with appropriately sized solar or hard-wired lighting and maintained at all times.

Flag

- Only the Official United States Flag may be flown on the in-ground installation.
- Industry standards recommend a 3’ x 5’ flag on 15’-20’ poles.
- An embroidered all-weather flag must be used for inclement weather and 24-hour display.
- Flag must be retired and replaced when it becomes worn, faded, weathered, torn or damaged in a way that is no longer a fitting emblem of display and should be destroyed in a dignified way.

Wind Noise

- Dampening devices must be used on halyard or flag clips to minimize wind noise.
- In an effort to control and/or eliminate wind noise and to prevent pole damage on extremely windy days, the flag can be temporarily removed.

Installation Method

- Must be anchored in concrete
- Usually 2’ deep and 2’ in diameter
- Flagpole must be set in a sleeve that allows easy removal or replacement.
- To add strength or rigidity to a three-section pole, please a slightly smaller diameter galvanized fence post or wooden pole inside the bottom section before adding the remaining sections.

Landscaping & Maintenance

- Avoid any type of vine or plant that would climb the flagpole.
- Flagpole must be properly maintained, in good working order and condition at all times. This includes the pole, lighting and flag.

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