



**Architectural Design Standards
&
Construction Guidelines**

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The Architectural Design Standards and Construction Guidelines, as contained herein, are to be used as guidelines for the owner and builder in preparing plans and specifications for any proposed construction or improvement in Century Farm and for maintaining an orderly construction environment. These guidelines are used by the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) in conjunction with the Master Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions, and Easements (CC&R's). Century Farm will be comprised of several individual areas or neighborhoods, each of which may have similar but varying requirements. The ACC reserves the right to grant variances or modify these standards as it deems appropriate.

I. Submittals Required for Architectural Control Committee Approval:

All submittals required for Architectural Control Committee review and approval shall be accompanied by the submittal form adopted by the ACC. The following items shall be submitted to the Architectural Control Committee for approval in either 11x17 hard copy or a pdf. All elevations must have the same scale. The ACC may request additional material to be submitted at its discretion:

- Site Plan showing the lot boundary and the proposed location of all improvements, including all structures, driveways, sidewalks, fences, outdoor lighting, etc. Show all easements and proposed setbacks. Indicate the proposed grading and drainage away from the proposed residence and adjacent lots.
- Floor plans designating the square feet per floor and total finished square feet (exclusive of garages, covered patios, storage areas, etc.)
- Elevations depicting front, rear and side elevations including proposed material finish descriptions.
- Specifications describing the materials and finishes proposed for exterior construction.
- Landscape plan showing proposed landscape layout, including legend of plant types and sizes.
- Colors proposed for all exterior finishes, including paint colors, brick, stone, and stucco finishes.

All submittals and inquiries will be made to:

Century Farm Architectural Control Committee
c/o Brighton Corporation,
2929 W. Navigator Drive, Suite 400
Meridian, Idaho 83642
Telephone: 378-4000; Fax: 377-8962

Submittals for new homes shall be accompanied by a \$250 payment for the Architectural Control Committee Review and Inspection Fee. In addition, a completion deposit will be deposited by the applicant or buyer, the purpose of which is to assure completion of the improvements. The amount of the completion deposit will be \$1,500. The completion deposit will be refunded upon the timely completion of all required improvements as approved by the ACC, in the six-month timeframe required in the Lot Purchase Agreement, except as otherwise noted. Applicant is the responsible party required to complete any improvements necessary to meet the completion deposit requirements.

Requests for refunds of completion deposits must be made within 60 days of completion of the home, including landscaping, otherwise they shall be considered forfeited. The Association may use forfeited deposits for any purpose.

Prior to the commencement of construction, the Owner or Builder shall obtain written approval of the proposed improvements from the Architectural Control Committee. Such approval may be conditioned upon submittal and approval of the landscape plan and the exterior colors. If construction is commenced prior to such conditional approval or landscaping is not completed in a timely manner as required by the CC&R's and the Architectural Design Standards and Construction Guidelines, the Owner, Applicant, or Builder will be subject to a \$500 penalty to be withheld from the Architectural Control Committee Review and Inspection fee to the Century Farm Owners Association. Such penalty

shall not relieve the applicant from complying with all requirements of the CC&R's or the Architectural Design Standards and Construction Guidelines as contained herein.

II. Design Standard

- A. Minimum Square Feet:** All homes on traditional lots shall have a minimum of **1,800** square feet of finished space exclusive of basements, garages, storage rooms, covered patios, etc. Smaller homes may be approved on lots with construction restrictions.

The ACC may require additional square feet of finish space depending on compatibility with existing homes or otherwise at its discretion.

- B. Exterior Elevations:** See attached **Color and Style Guide (Exhibit A)**.

Unless otherwise identified by ACC as single-story only, transitional two-story or 1-1/2 story homes may be located on corner lots provided that the single-story portion of the home is located adjacent to the corner or side street and is approved by the ACC.

Two-story homes are prohibited on homesites backing up to main arterial streets.

Solar Panels: Solar panels must be approved by ACC prior to installation. If approved, they shall be commercially manufactured and well maintained. Solar panels shall be positioned uniformly to avoid patch work installation. The color of solar panels shall be black to match the existing roof and shall be recess mounted (flush) into the roof structure with no visible piping.

Exterior Paint Colors: Exterior wall colors and trim colors are subject to prior written approval by ACC. Colors must be selected for their harmony with each other and the overall aesthetic goals of Century Farm. Refer to Color and Style Guide.

Roof: Roofs shall be 30-year or better architectural asphalt shingles. Color shall be Black. Other roofing materials or colors are subject to written ACC approval.

Rain Gutters: A complete rain gutters and downspout installation is required. All components shall match the color of the surface to which they are attached.

Chimneys: Chimneys may be restricted for size and location. All full height chimneys shall have an architectural metal chimney enhancer cap that fully encloses the chimney pipes and painted as approved by the ACC.

- C. Garages and Driveways:** Garage Doors will be Amarr Oak Summit or Wayne Dalton" 9400 series. Other equal Carriage Style Doors are subject to written approval by ACC.

Garages must be oriented to reduce the visual impact of the garage doors on any street-facing facade. No more than two garage bays may face directly to the street. Side-entry garages are encouraged where ever possible for all lots in the community.

Interiors of garages shall be sheetrocked, taped, sanded or textured and painted. Interior wood trim around doors and windows shall be painted.

Driveways shall not extend more than two feet past the edge of the garage doors and shall be minimized at the sidewalk and curb where practical to provide additional space for landscaping. Concrete placed behind front fence must be approved and maintain an 18" setback from the property line to allow for adequate drainage and fence maintenance.

Although RV garages are not prohibited, plans submitted with RV garages will be subjected to a more detailed review process and may be denied by ACC. Architectural review will be subjective and in the sole discretion of the ACC. The ACC review will consider:

- Must meet the following setbacks
 - 9' height doors must have a minimum of 4-foot setback from main garage
 - 10' height doors must have a minimum of 6-foot setback from main garage
 - 11' height doors must have a minimum of 8-foot setback from main garage
- How prominent the garage door appears. The intent is to integrate the garage structure into the overall massing of the home
- How well the roof structure blends with the rest of the house
- Proximity to other homes with RV garages
- If approved, only one (1) bay shall be allowed at RV height.

D. Detached Storage Sheds: All vehicles, trailers, tools, and equipment shall be stored out of view in enclosed structures. A maximum of one (1) detached storage facility, such as storage shed, may be allowed and shall be of the same construction, finish, and color as proposed and approved for the house. Size and location may be restricted. Any such structure shall be placed on grade in a location approved by the ACC. Depending on location, additional landscaping may also be required. Metal storage sheds or other dissimilar structures are prohibited. The ACC encourages the storage of boats, RV's, camp trailers and other similar vehicles or trailers in offsite storage facilities.

The following requirements must also be considered and approved prior to constructing or placing a storage shed:

- Must follow city codes for any permitting requirements.
- Structure cannot be over eight feet (8') in height to midpoint of roof (measured between the roof peak and eaves).
- Structure cannot be placed in the front yard or side yard due to setback requirements.
- Sometimes the structure can be placed in the rear yard setback but cannot encroach in the side yard setback. The side yard setback extends all the way to the rear of the property. Some rear setbacks also contain utility easements and therefore construction is prohibited.

The building envelope is the area within all of the property setbacks and easements. There is generally no restriction for construction within the building envelope.

E. Fences: Without proper design, construction, and maintenance standards, perimeter fencing can often present a hodgepodge look, which can rapidly deteriorate and degrade the character of the neighborhood.

Prior to the construction of any fence, plans shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the ACC. The submittal shall include a site plan showing the location of fencing proposed, including setback dimensions, and shall designate the type and height of fence proposed. Depending on location, ACC may require an on-site inspection prior to fence construction.

Wood Fencing and Open Metal Fencing: All fencing shall be constructed according to the approved fence specifications – see attached **Fence Details (Exhibit B)**, and shall be maintained by the Owner in good repair.

Wood fencing shall be completely stained solid with pigmented wood finish:

Brand: Woodscapes Flat
Color Code: Flagstone Gray #815-T54 (SW3023)

Open metal fencing shall be **black**, unless otherwise approved in writing by the ACC.
Fencing Restrictions:

Fencing Adjacent to Street Buffer Landscaping: Fences constructed adjacent to street buffer landscaping shall be wood, 6 feet high, unless otherwise approved in writing by the ACC.

Fencing Adjacent to Common Area Landscaping: Fences constructed adjacent to common area landscaping, excluding pocket parks, shall be open metal, 5 feet high, unless otherwise approved in writing by the ACC.

NOTE: Where the rear yard of a home opens up to a common area, fencing shall be open metal across the back property line and continue up side property lines 16' (two 8' sections) before stepping up to 6' wood fencing.

Fencing Adjacent to Parks and Pathways: Fences constructed adjacent to the parks and pathways shall be open metal, 5 feet high.

Fencing for Interior Lot Lines: Fences constructed on interior lot lines and not adjacent to common area shall be wood, 6 feet high, unless otherwise approved in writing by the ACC.

Fencing for Corner Homesites: Corner homesites are allowed wood or open metal. If wood is used, the corner sideyard fencing must be a minimum 10' from the sidewalk. If open metal is used, the corner sideyard fencing must be a minimum 2' from the sidewalk.

Height Restrictions: Wood (privacy fencing) shall be 4 feet or 6 feet high, unless otherwise approved by the ACC. Open metal shall be 5 feet.

Other Fencing Requirements:

Wherever possible, adjoining lots shall use common corner posts.

Front fence setbacks shall be a minimum of 2 feet behind the principle setback of the house on each side of the lot.

Transitions in fence height shall be accomplished by stepping, (not angling) the fence top.

Where a 4-foot fence abuts a park, pathway, or Common Area Landscaping, fences perpendicular to and tying in to the 4-foot-high fence shall remain at 4 feet high for a minimum of 8 feet before stepping up to 6 feet high.

Dog Runs: Dog Runs must be approved by ACC prior to installation. Size and location may be restricted. If approved, they shall be commercially manufactured and well maintained.

Play Structures, including Trampolines: Plans for play structures and similar equipment must be submitted for approval since in most instances they protrude over the fence line. This is not to eliminate play structures, but assure nothing unsightly is erected.

The maximum height which will be considered for approval of swing sets and other play equipment without written approval of all immediately adjacent neighbors shall be eight (8) feet. An architectural submittal for any such structure which exceeds eight (8) feet at its maximum height must include the written input from all adjacent neighbors. In no case will the maximum height of any such improvement be permitted to exceed twelve (12) feet.

The play structure may be placed no closer than ten (10) feet to any lot line. When considering plan approval, the Committee will consider the appearance, height and proximity to neighboring property. Submittals must include a picture or photograph of the structure, total dimensions,

materials and a plot map or drawing indicating the proposed location and its proximity to adjacent property lines.

The color of canopy of the play structure must be of a "neutral" color of off-white, beige or light brown.

Neighbor input shall include a signed statement acknowledging the proposed equipment; its height, material and color.

Holiday Decorations: Holiday decorations may be installed 30 days prior to the holiday and must be removed within 30 days after the holiday.

F. Landscaping:

A landscape plan shall be prepared and submitted to the Architectural Control Committee for approval. Although certain minimum standards for each lot type have been established, additional landscaping is encouraged and may be required by the ACC. The ACC will consider how the proposed landscaping blends with and promotes the overall aesthetics of the site in conjunction with structures. The use of berms and clustered planting groups such as garden beds with trees, shrubs and flowers will be encouraged.

Exterior mounted utility meters, heat pumps, air conditioners, and other such equipment shall be properly screened from view of the street and surrounding homes by landscaping or fencing.

Landscaping of front, rear, and side yards is required to the following minimum standards within 30 days of substantial completion of the home:

1. An automatic underground sprinkler system shall be installed throughout.
2. Except at garden bed locations, sod shall be laid throughout.
3. Trees shall be planted in the streetside parkway strips, front yards, corner yards and rear yards according to the following minimum standards:
 - a) Deciduous trees shall be 2½" caliper or larger and evergreen trees shall be 8' high or larger. **(Caliper measured 6" above the soil.)**
 - b) Parkway strip – interior lots: At least one tree shall be planted in the parkway strip. The City Tree Ordinance requires a permit before planting, pruning or removal of any tree(s) in the parkway strip.
 - c) Parkway strip – corner lots: In addition to the required above, all corner lots shall be required to plant an additional deciduous tree 2/3 down from the front lot line to the rear lot line. Trees shall be of a type and variety approved by the City Building Official and the Century Farm ACC.

The parkway landscape strip between the curb and sidewalk fronting each lot shall be landscaped and maintained by the owner with an automatic underground sprinkler system with sod and trees as required. Parkway trees shall be pruned and maintained in such a manner that they do not interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic. Parkway trees shall be maintained as required by the Meridian City and require a permit for pruning.

NOTE: Builder and subsequent Owner are responsible to follow any Planting Restrictions on Final Plat and Approved Landscape Plan. Some lots may have seepage beds within the planter strips and these drainage beds have been lined on the top and lot side of each bed. No trees can be planted in the planter strips within 10' of seepage beds. See plat notes for locations.

Trees: Each front yard, exclusive of the parkway strip, shall contain **2** additional trees. In addition to the shrub requirement, 5 additional 5-gallon shrubs may be substituted for one of the trees required in the front yard if approved by the ACC. Corner lots with side yard street frontage shall

include 1 deciduous tree. The rear yard shall be required to have one tree per 1,500 sq. ft. of yard.

Shrubs: Each front yard shall have a minimum of **18-24** shrubs 2-gallons or larger. Each corner lot side yard shall have a minimum of **12** shrubs 2-gallons or larger. Each rear yard shall have a minimum of **9** shrubs 2-gallons or larger.

Smaller lots may have different landscaping minimums. Plans must be submitted to ACC for approval prior to installation.

Landscaping along open metal fencing shall not be used to create screens, hedges or walls for privacy. Trees and shrubs may be planted to but require approval from ACC prior to installation.

Planter beds planted with shrubs and flowers shall cover a minimum of 25% of the front yard, 20% of the side yard on corner lots, and 15% of the rear yards

Builders and buyers are encouraged to consider bordering yards when formulating a landscape plan and to the extent practical shall blend the improvements with the neighboring yard landscape improvements, including planters and berms.

Variances to the landscape requirements above may be granted in cases such as flag lots or pie shaped lots with narrow street frontages.

Extensions for completion of landscaping may be granted when weather conditions hamper landscape construction from December 1 through April 1. Driveway site coverage shall be minimized to provide additional area for landscaping. Gravel pads for parking of vehicles, trailers, etc. are not acceptable.

G. Exterior Lighting:

Each home shall provide front yard exterior lighting by one of the following methods:

- A front yard light on masonry monument with a 60-watt bulb shall be installed within 10 feet of the front property line. The light shall have a photosensitive switch that automatically activates the light in the evenings. The masonry monument pole will be consistent with the exterior material selection for the home.
- A minimum of two wall mounted lights with a 60-watt bulb or canned lighting shall be installed at the front of each home in a location that will provide light to the front yard and adjoining street. The lights shall have photosensitive switches that automatically activate the lights in the evenings.

Other approved lighting includes normal entrance lights on porches, garages, and other entries to the home providing they do not exceed 100 watts each. High watt fixtures intended for lighting back yard play areas may be permitted with the approval of the ACC. Such fixtures must be mounted in an unobtrusive manner and shall not unduly illuminate neighboring properties and shall not be operated at late hours that cause a nuisance to neighboring property owners.

Any lighting permanently installed on homes shall be limited to use 3 days prior to any Federally recognized holidays. During the months of October – December, lighting may be turned on during major holidays but must be turned off by 11:00 p.m.

H. Mailboxes: Cluster Mailboxes will be provided by the developer. No exceptions or substitutions are permitted.

I. Basketball Equipment: Basketball backboards shall not be permitted on the roof or walls of the dwelling. Basketball standards with glass or plexiglass backboards may be installed on fixed steel or similar poles adjacent to a driveway but are encouraged to be installed in less prominent areas such as rear or side yards. Standards should be neutral in color, such as black, gray or white.

Basketball standards and backboards must meet front and sideyard setbacks. The base of the basketball standard shall not be any closer than 10' from the back of the sidewalk. All standards shall be maintained in good condition and paint. Moveable basketball standards are not permitted in the front yard.

- J. Antennae:** Exterior radio antennae, television antennae or other antennae, including satellite dishes, must be approved in writing by ACC prior to installation.
- K. Signs:** Owners may put one (1) standard sized yard sign, not to exceed six square feet (6 sf) during an election campaign for their candidate. Signs may not be placed more than 90 days prior to the election and must be removed 10 days following the election. Political banners and flags are prohibited as well as any signs containing vulgar wording or pictures. One (1) standard sized For Sale or Lease sign is allowed. Signs must be placed in the front yard only and shall not cause any visual impediment in common areas. No other signs shall be permitted without approval in advance.
- L. Flag Poles:** Owners are limited to the display of two (2) of the following types of flags:
- a. The current official flag of the United States of America;
 - b. The current official flag of the State of Idaho;
 - c. The POW/MIS flag; or
 - d. An official or replica flag of any branch of the United States armed forces.

All flags must be maintained in good condition and any deteriorated flag shall be repaired, replaced or removed.

III. Construction Guidelines

Condition of Lot: The lot owner or builder shall inspect the lot prior to purchase and construction for condition of all utilities, location of property pins, and general conditions and report any defects or damages to the developer. Unless otherwise notified, all improvements shall be considered in good repair and all damages or deficiencies thereafter shall be the responsibility of the lot owner or builder.

The developer or its engineer will relocate missing property pins or sewer markers that cannot be located by ordinary inspection (including light digging to uncover buried pins or markers) prior to closing or commencement of construction. Resetting property pins or sewer markers after possession or beginning of construction or locating existing property pins and sewer markers will carry a minimum charge of \$100 from the developer.

Excavation: Excavators are required to contact Dig Line at 342-1585 prior to commencing excavation on the lot. Lots shall be excavated in a manner that will not adversely impact neighboring lots. Excess dirt shall be removed from the subdivision and may not be deposited or dumped on other lots or vacant ground slated for future development.

Elevation of Foundations: Unless otherwise approved, foundations shall be set a minimum of 18" and a maximum of 24" above the back of curb elevation. Buyer shall take all necessary steps in setting the foundation elevation to ensure that drainage will be retained on site or drained into the adjoining street. Buyer may contact the developer after excavating and setting footings but prior to pouring the foundation for a pre-pour inspection.

Construction and Jobsite Maintenance: Upon commencement of construction, the construction of the improvements shall be diligently pursued in accordance with the ACC approved plans, including all conditions of approval. Construction shall be completed within one hundred eighty (180) days from the date construction commences. If construction is not completed within 180 days from the date construction commences and builder is not diligently pursuing completion (with no activity on site for 30 days), the ACC/Association shall have the option to require the Owner and/or the builder to return

the lot to its original condition within twenty (20) days. If Owner/builder has not returned the lot to its original condition within the timeframe required, the ACC/Association has the right to immediately access the site and return the lot to its original condition at the Owner/builder's expense, for which it may use the completion deposit. Any funds not reimbursed by the completion deposit shall earn interest at the rate of 18% per annum and may be assessed against Owner/builder as a Limited Assessment as contemplated by the CCRs.

Washout of concrete trucks and equipment will be performed outside of the subdivision or in a designated Concrete Washout Area. Developer will determine a location and provide direction to the Concrete Washout Area within Century Farm. Contractors are required to utilize this area to clean concrete trucks, pumps, or other concrete coated equipment if washed within the subdivision.

Construction shall not begin prior to **7:00 a.m.** or continue after sunset; however, during the mid-summer months (June - August), contractors may begin as early as 6:00 a.m. as long as they are sensitive to neighbors and must comply with the local jurisdiction.

Jobsites shall be tidied up and free of debris each evening and prior to each weekend. Each builder shall provide a trash bin/dumpster at the jobsite. Jobsite trash or debris that may be scattered by wind shall be properly contained in trash bins/dumpsters or by other means. Builders and lot owners who fail to maintain the lot in an orderly manner or allow construction debris to clutter surrounding properties may be subject to appropriate action from the developer or Owners Association.

Temporary toilets, construction equipment, and construction material shall be contained within the lot boundaries.

All vehicles will be parked within the lot boundaries or on public streets adjacent to the jobsite and shall not block traffic or otherwise interfere with existing homeowners.

Loose dogs shall not be allowed at the construction site. No inappropriate language, shouting, or other inappropriate behavior. Radios or other music must be kept to a minimum volume.

Power and water must not be used from existing dwellings without permission from the owner.

Contractors must obey the speed limit within Century Farm. No speeding or unsafe driving.

Streets shall remain free from dirt, gravel, or other excavation material and shall be maintained by the owner or builder in a clean and orderly manner.

At their own discretion, builders may seek a Temporary Right-of-Way Use Permit from Ada County Highway District (ACHD) to temporarily block the sidewalk in front of a home under construction. For more information and specific requirements, please call 387-6280.

All complaints will be conveyed to the Builder, who is responsible for compliance with these guidelines. The Builder is responsible to the developers of Century Farm and the Century Farm Owners Association for the compliance of their contractors and subcontractors with these jobsite guidelines. It is important that the Century Farm experience be a positive one for builders, contractors, residents and their families.

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