

# ***Crosswater at Nocatee***

## ***Homeowner's Architectural Criteria and Review Procedure Manual***

**September 19, 2017**

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### **Purpose**

The Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions for Crosswater at Nocatee (the “Declaration”) establishes a review and approval procedure for all improvements proposed within the community. Crosswater at Nocatee HOA includes multiple communities within Crosswater Village. **This manual is for the homes in Freedom Landing, Heritage Trace, and Liberty Cove.**

The purpose of this manual is to inform homeowners of the design guidelines for the community and the submittal procedures to be followed when requesting approval of an exterior modification or addition to their property. Any improvement including but not limited to, exterior paint and roof color, pools, screen enclosures, walls, fences, landscaping, flagpole, play structure, satellite dish, driveway or any other improvement visible from any road or adjacent lot must first receive approval from the Developer prior to installation.

### **Authority**

The authority for this manual is set forth in Article V of the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions for the community. The

Declaration encumbers all the lots within the community and is a contract between the homeowners and the Association, wherein, per Article V, the homeowners agree to refrain from making any modifications to the exterior of their homes without first receiving approval.

These Architectural Criteria (“Guidelines”) are supplemental to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for the community. Included herein are minimal standards for development, construction, improvements or modifications. The Guidelines are intended to be a living document that will be modified as needed to add, clarify or change the Guidelines for the betterment of the community. Non-compliance with these Guidelines will be used as the basis for disapproval of the modification or construction plans, and may result in enforcement proceedings including, but not limited to, an injunction or the imposition of a fine, or both.

### **Architectural and Building Criteria**

The following criteria and procedure may be changed or modified at the sole discretion of the Developer. Each Homeowner will be provided with written notification of any such changes thirty days prior to its effective date. The Developer retains the right to waive or modify any of the following provisions if in its sole discretion it determines such a change is not a detriment to the community as a whole.

All plans submitted for review shall be evaluated for total effect and may be disapproved by the Developer, in its sole discretion. Each request for approval should contain the required information and be delivered to the offices of the Developer or its designee. Upon receipt of all needed information, the Developer will approve, disapprove or require modifications within 15 working days.

## **Conservation Areas**

Areas designated “**Conservation Areas**” or “**Tree Preservation Areas**” on the community’s recorded plat are protected areas and should not be entered into or disturbed in any way.

## **Pool Setbacks**

Pool setback (with or without a screen enclosure) and setbacks for pool equipment and air conditioning units shall be in accordance with the approved PUD or St Johns County standards.

## **Garages**

All garage doors should have electrically operated garage door openers. Garage doors should remain closed except to allow cars to enter and exit the garage. Garages may not be converted to living space. Vehicles should be parked in the garage spaces overnight.

## **Exterior Color Plan**

Any changes to the initial exterior color scheme of the exterior of the house including roof, trim, shutters and front door must be submitted to and approved by the Developer prior to the change.

## **Covered Porches**

The screening of a lanai or patio under the roof of the house is allowed. Screened enclosures in the rear yard or over pools are allowed but must meet all building setbacks requirements. Metal patio covers or metal roofs over screened enclosures are not allowed. Screened enclosures cannot exceed 13 feet in height and the screen color should be Charcoal and the frame Dark Bronze.

## **Swimming Pools**

All pools shall be enclosed by a screen enclosure or approved pool fence meeting the applicable safety codes of St Johns County. Pool screen enclosures may not be visible from the street in front of the dwelling unless approved by the Developer.

## **Fences**

The approved fence type for each lot is shown on the attached **Crosswater Fence Plan**. This fence plan may be modified at the discretion of the Developer, if in its sole opinion such a change will not negatively impact the neighborhood as a whole.

Fencing along the street side of a corner lot must be located inside the ten (10) foot side setback line for a corner lot and return to the rear corner of the home. In addition, a hedge consisting of three gallon plants shall be planted on the outside of the fence for at least 50% of the length of the side yard fence exposed to the street. Rear yard and side yard (non-corner lot) fences should be located along the property line and should fully enclose the yard.

Side yard fencing shall have a fence type that is consistent with the approved rear yard fence type, and shall not extend closer to the front of the house than the mid-point of the sidewall plane of the house. Fence location, height, composition and color should be submitted to the Developer for approval before installation.

Fences shall not be installed within easements labelled **“Unobstructed Drainage, Access, & Maintenance Easement”** on the community’s recorded plats. These easements provide the Homeowners Association and its contractor’s access for maintenance of the ponds. Side Yard fences and landscaping may be installed within easements labelled **“Drainage Easement”** on the plats, however the Association shall not be responsible to any homeowner for the repair or replacement of any damaged fence or landscaping within the easement that occurs during maintenance. Homeowners may not install any fence or landscaping that in any way damages or materially impacts the drainage function within these easements.

Rear yard fencing may not be installed within easements labeled **“Easement for Drainage, Access & Maintenance”**. These easements are intended for pond access and maintenance and may not be obstructed. Examples of this condition are the rear lots easements adjacent to Stormwater Management Facilities in Tract JJ and RR.

### **Satellite Dishes**

Satellite dishes should be installed in the rear or side of the home site out of view from the street. Additional landscaping may be required to properly screen the dish from view of the adjacent house. Location should be submitted to the Developer for approval prior to installation.

### **Landscaping**

The replacement of any dead or diseased trees with the same species tree is allowed without prior approval. Cypress mulch, pine bark or similar material is acceptable for use as mulch. The use of stones, rocks, and gravel or lava rock as mulch in landscaped beds is prohibited.

### **Street Trees**

Upon completion of each residence, the Builder or Developer may have planted a “street tree” in accordance with the community’s County approved plans between the edge of the roadway and the front lot line of the home defined in the Declaration as “Limited Common Area”. These trees are to be considered part of the landscaping for the home and properly maintained and irrigated by each homeowner.

### **Irrigation**

All landscape beds and sod should be fully irrigated with an automatic irrigation system. Irrigation should extend to the edge of the water if the lot is adjacent to a pond or the edge of natural vegetation if the lot is adjacent to a preservation area. Reuse irrigation water as supplied by JEA, shall be the sole source of irrigation water. Individual wells are prohibited.

### **Driveways**

Driveways may either be constructed of concrete with a broom finish or concrete pavers may be used in all or part of the driveway. If concrete pavers are used, the sidewalk section that extends through the driveway should be constructed of concrete with a broom finish to match the sidewalk in other locations.

Modifications or additions to driveways must be submitted for approval prior to installation.

### **Outside Mechanical Equipment**

Outside mechanical equipment such as LP tanks, water softeners, pool pumps and heaters shall be properly screened from view from the street by landscape material high enough to block the view of the equipment.

### **Window Coverings**

All windows should have an interior cover consisting of some type of blind, drape or shade. All coverings should be white or beige in color as seen from the outside of the house.

### **Residential Signs**

Residential signs include “For Sale”, “For Rent” and “Open House” signs placed on lots by residents and/or their real estate agent. These signs must comply with the attached uniform signage criteria generally known as the “**Nocatee Sign Standard**”. The sign shall not exceed 9” x 12” in size and must be professionally painted in a uniform tan color with green letters. At no time should any sign be placed in a window. The use of “Bandit” real estate signs is prohibited. All other signs are prohibited without specific written approval from the Developer. Political signs no larger than 3 feet x 4 feet may be installed on a lot no earlier than 10 days prior to the election and must be removed the day after the election. Each lot is limited to one political sign at a time.

### **Play Structures**

Play structures, either permanent or temporary are prohibited in front yards. Play structures in the back yard will be reviewed for height and color and generally should not be visible from adjacent Lots or from the street. Any such structure must be approved by the Developer prior to installation.

**Basketball Goals**

Basketball goals for homesites are allowed provided that goals (permanent or movable) mounted along the side of the driveway must be at least twenty (20) feet from the edge of the asphalt road. Utilities should be properly located prior to digging as electric, phone, cable and other utilities are located in the front of each lot. Call 811 to request a utility locate. At no time may moveable goals be located at the end of driveway so that play is in the street. Basketball goals must be maintained in a neat condition and removed when weathered.

**Trash Receptacles/Garbage Cans**

Trash receptacles shall be placed curbside no earlier than dusk the day prior to the collection day and the emptied receptacle must be removed prior to dusk of the day of collection. Trash receptacles must be hidden from view at all other times.

**Seasonal Christmas or Holiday Decorative Lights**

Seasonal decorative lights may only be displayed between Thanksgiving and January 15.

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Plan Submittal Procedure**

Please provide the following information for approval:

1. Completed Submittal Form
2. Applicable site plan, photograph or product specifications
3. Color samples, if appropriate
4. Written description of desired improvements

Submit all plans and information to the following:

**Crosswater at Nocatee  
Architectural Review  
c/o BCM Services, Inc.  
920 3rd Street, Suite B  
Neptune Beach, FL 32266  
904-242-0666 904-242-0670 fax**

**Email: [arc@bcmervices.net](mailto:arc@bcmervices.net)**

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**Architectural Review  
Submittal Form**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Owner:**  
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**Phone/Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Lot No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

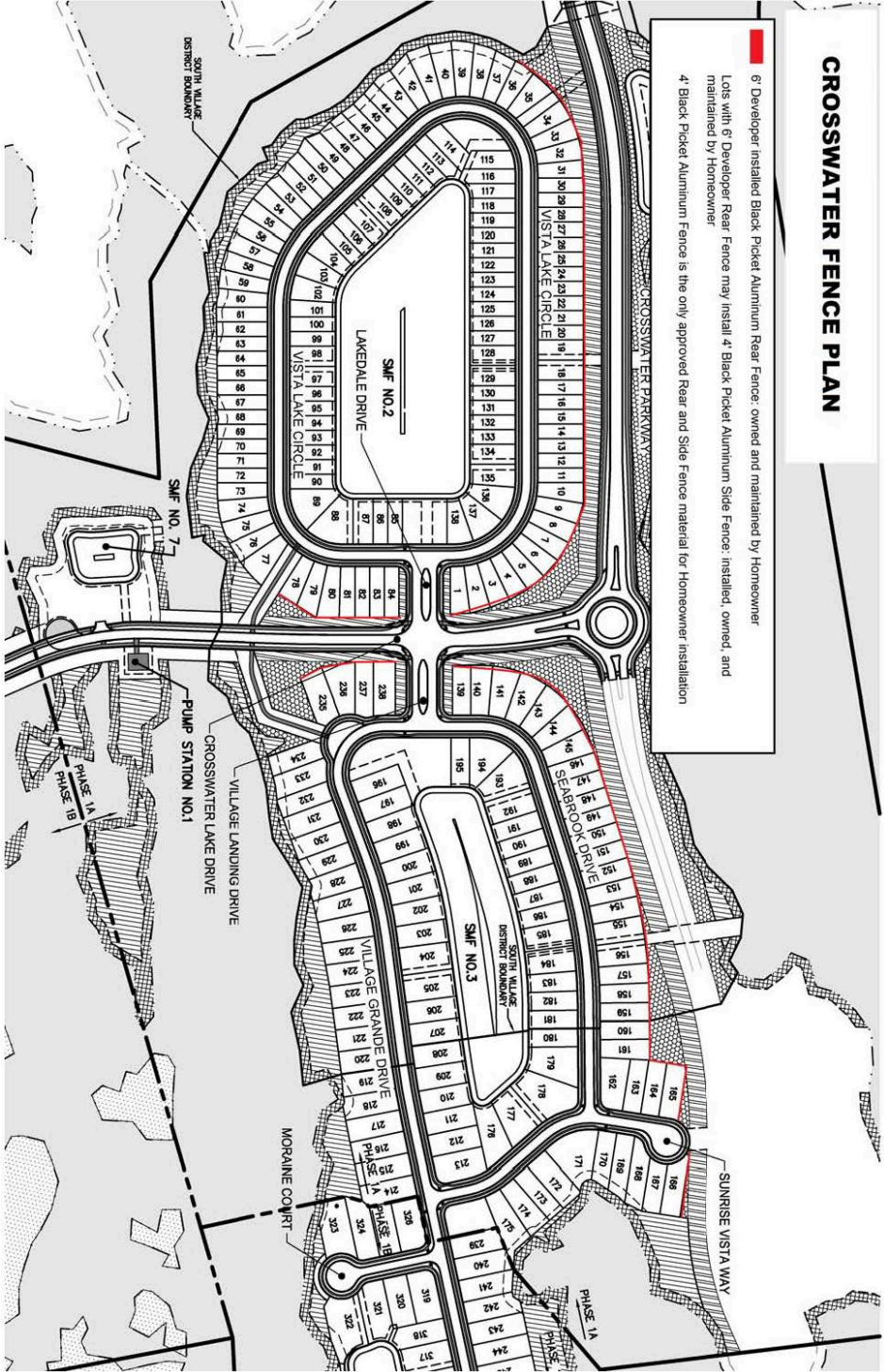
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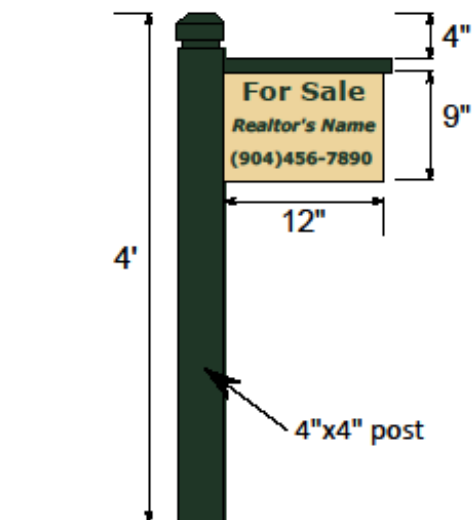
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# CROSSWATER FENCE PLAN

- 6' Developer installed Black Picket Aluminum Rear Fence, owned and maintained by Homeowner
- Lots with 6' Developer Rear Fence may install 4' Black Picket Aluminum Side Fence, installed, owned, and maintained by Homeowner
- 4' Black Picket Aluminum Fence is the only approved Rear and Side Fence material for Homeowner installation



# Nocatee Sign Standard



- Posts should be green (RAL 6005) with beige (RAL 1015) sign face and green (RAL 6005) text