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# Welcome to Your Community

# Meridian

Homeowners' Association, Inc.

Information to Guide and Enhance Your Community Living Experience



## MERIDIAN HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

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#### FACTS ABOUT ASSOCIATION LIVING AND CMA'S SERVICES

Welcome to membership in an exclusive club...Your Homeowners Association!

#### What is a Homeowners Association?

- It is a legal non-profit corporation registered with the State. The Association has Articles of Incorporation that entitle the Association to exercise powers of a corporation.
- The Association is "governed" and managed by a duly elected Board of Directors.
- Its purpose is to maintain all common areas and amenities and to govern the community in accordance with the governing documents.
- The corporation is financially supported by all members of the Homeowners Association.

## Who is a member of the Homeowners Association?

- Includes all the people who own homes in the same development.
- Membership in the Association is mandatory and automatic for all owners. The deed to each lot specifically designates that the property owner will comply with the Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions of the Association.

## What is the purpose of Governing Documents?

Governing Documents determine the structure of your association and establish obligations and responsibilities of its members and elected officers and directors. Each owner is responsible to adhere to the provisions set forth in your governing documents. Governing Documents include:

- Articles of Incorporation
- Bylaws
- Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions

#### What is the Annual Meeting and when is it?

The Annual Meeting is the yearly meeting of the members at which a summary of the year's activities is given and annual reports are distributed. Notices will be sent prior to the meeting to notify you of the time and location of the meeting.

## The Bylaws outline the rules pertaining to the Board of Directors.

- There may be 3, 5 or 7 Board Members.
- Each Association has specific Bylaws outlining the process for Board elections. Generally speaking, the board elections take place on an annual basis either prior to (in the case of absentee ballots) or at the annual meeting (proxies and ballots).
- The Bylaws in your governing documents give descriptions of Director roles and the length of terms in office.
- All affairs of the Association shall be conducted by the Board of Directors or elected and/or appointed officers of the Board.

#### What is the role of Committees?

In general, each association will have mandatory committees such as an Architectural Committee. An Association may also have standing committees which could include finance, landscape and newsletters. Occasionally ad-hoc committees may be formed temporarily created for specific one-time items (e.g. selection of a refuse provider).

Members of committees are appointed and removed by the Board of Directors. The primary function of the committee is to render a recommendation to the Board on the subject matter of their committee. This recommendation, once delivered to the Board of Directors, is then approved/rejected by the Board.

## Who is responsible for Common Area maintenance?

The Association maintains the common property areas for the shared used and enjoyment of all owners. For example, this includes negotiating the contract for landscape maintenance, then routinely monitoring the performance to assure conformity in service and effect. Other examples of common area may include entry features, fountains, sports courts, playgrounds and pools.

#### Who do I contact for Customer Service?

The business of your association and the operation of its amenities are professionally managed by RTI/Community Management Associates, Inc., (CMA). The CMA team of association management professionals has a strong commitment to the associations they serve with a broad range of contract services.

CMA offers **24/7 customer service** through its website, **www.cmamanagement.com** Owners may log in to view their secure personal account information, access their covenant enforcement record and pay their assessments online. The site also provides a quick and easy connection for submitting and tracking requests.

The company's **Customer Care Center** handles calls concerning a broad array of questions and comments from account balances, to requests for pool cards or notifications of common area issues for the managers.

The call center staff are knowledgeable and eager to serve CMA's clients. The CMA Customer Care Center responds to calls during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Nights and weekends: Call CMA at 972-943-2800 and select option 3 for Emergencies only.

## What do I need to know about Assessments?

Since the Association is, in effect, a quasigovernmental organization, there are costs associated with its operation. For example, there are expenses for the landscape maintenance, accounting and management. In addition, the Association is required to carry various forms of insurance.

#### **Assessments (cont'd)**

These expenses are paid through the collection of a *regular assessment* charged to each homeowner in the Association. The amount of individual assessment fees is based on income required to cover the expenditures and contingencies required to maintain a sound and prudent financial condition for the association.

After comprehensive review and approval of an association annual budget, the Board of Directors will determine if an increase in individual assessment fees will be necessary to accommodate a balanced budget. Your assessment is *in addition to* and *not a part of your mortgage payment*.

Association assessment fees (dues) are billed by statement when due and payable.

## As a client with CMA, you have three convenient payment options.

1. Pay by E-Check – No Fee Charged

Set up a one-time or recurring payment by automatic debit. Visit the CMA website **www.cmamanagement.com** to register and set up a user-login. You will receive a password via e-mail. Then log-in to the CMA site, go to pay assessment or pay now and make your payment.

#### 2. Payment by Check – No Fee Charged

You may mail a check to the location indicated on the remittance stub of your statement.

Payment Processing Center P.O. Box 926850 Norcross, GA 30010-6850

3. Pay by Credit Card Online – The bank convenience fee assessed by the processor is 3.5% of the amount charged. Fractional dollars will be rounded up to the next whole dollar. For example, the fee on a \$100 charge will be \$4 (3.5% x \$100 = \$3.50 rounded). CMA accepts major credit cards for online payments. CMA no longer accepts payments by credit card inperson.

You may also pay by check in person at 1800 Preston Park Blvd., Suite 101, Plano, TX 75093

Office Hours: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Monday-Friday. Please Note: We are unable to accept cash for payment of assessments at any of our locations.

#### At CMA, We're Here to Serve YOU

Use CMA's convenient, online features. Here's how to register on <a href="www.cmamanagement.com">www.cmamanagement.com</a> for 24/7 customer service. Please be sure to select the correct Association for registration. Also, you must be listed as a property owner on the account in order to register. You will find your CMA account number in the top right corner of your assessment statement and coupon. If you do not have it, your association manager or CMA Customer Care specialist can provide it to you. Your account number is required in order to register as a User. If you need additional assistance, please contact the CMA Customer Care Center at 972-943-2828.

- 1. Go to <a href="http://www.cmamanagement.com">http://www.cmamanagement.com</a>
- 2. Go to the top right hand corner, click on Homeowner Login

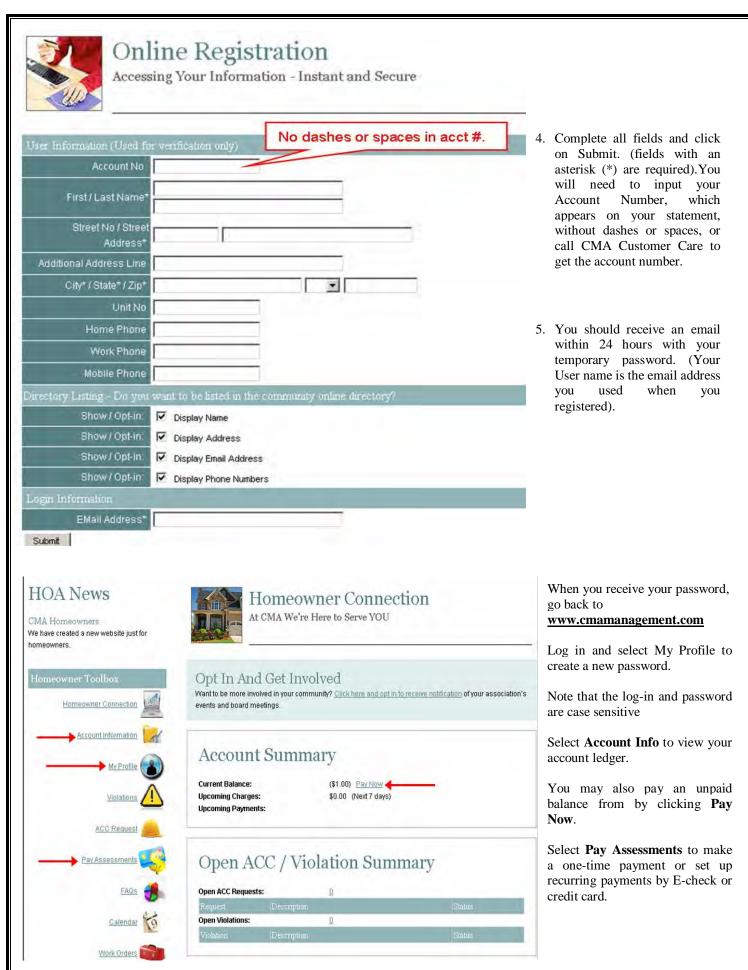


#### 3. Click on the link Register

## A Message From CMA

Want to be more involved in your community? Opt in to receive notification of your association's events and board meetings once you are logged in.





#### How do I pay ONE TIME by e-check?

- 1. Go to http://www.cmamanagement.com.
- 2. (Register).
- Log in with your Username (e-mail address) and Password. Remember they are casesensitive.
- 4. Click on PAY NOW, SCROLL DOWN.
- 5. Click on ELECTRONIC CHECK (gray button).
- 6. On the check payment screen, the address fields and CMA account # will be populated by the system.
- 7. Select CHECKING or SAVINGS.
- 8. Then enter your bank routing number and bank account number.
- Enter your payment amount and click CONTINUE.

## How do I set up RECURRING payments by e-check?

- 1. Go to http://www.cmamanagement.com
- 2. Go to the top right and click on Log in.
- 3. Log in with your User name (e-mail address) and Password.
- 4. Click on PAY ASSESSMENTS, then SCROLL DOWN.
- 5. Choose RECURRING PAYMENTS.
- 6. On the Recurring Payments screen, the address fields and CMA account # will be automatically populated by the system.
- 7. Select CHECKING or SAVINGS.
- 8. Then enter your bank routing number and bank account number.
- 9. Enter your payment amount.
- 10. Choose frequency (monthly or quarterly).
- 11. Then choose the day of the month you prefer your payment be deducted. We recommend the first of the month to avoid late charges.
- 12. Click CONTINUE.

#### A Note about Recurring Payments

If your assessments are due monthly or quarterly, then you may use the recurring payments screen. Please make sure you choose the correct frequency or you may be assessed late fees. If your billing is annual or semi-annual, please do not set up recurring payments as those options are not available at this time. Please refer to your statement for an amount due and the due date. If your assessment billing changes, you must go online and change the amount that you previously authorized to be deducted from your account to the current assessment amount.

**Examples of assessment billing changes** include a change in billing cycle, such as monthly to quarterly, an increase of assessments, any late fees, violation fines, or any other notice you may receive notifying you that you owe a different amount than what you had previously authorized.

## Are any other owner services available on the CMA website?

Once you are a registered user, you may also select Covenant Enforcement (Violation) under the Customer Service menu to view violations if they are incurred for your property. You may also submit Architectural Control Committee requests and Resale Certificate requests online. Please contact our Customer Care Center if you need help in accessing these features.

#### Can CMA help me with home services?

CMA has partnered with WhiteFence, the leading online one-stop comparison shopping marketplace for consumers looking to compare and order essential home services. Through our CMA Website, (www.cmamanagement.com) you are connected with these services that power your life —from phones to high-speed Internet to electricity and beyond. This powerful transaction engine makes it easy for those who have moved or those who are just looking to switch services, to find the best deals and conveniently set up their home services in minutes.

#### KNOW WHO TO CALL WHEN YOU HAVE A CONCERN

#### **Association Responsibility**

- Private Street maintenance, if applicable
- Parking of Vehicles as specified in CC&R's
- Common Area maintenance including association fencing
- Common Area signage
   Political Signage on private property
- Common Area or other associationcontrolled lighting
- Architectural modifications to exterior of owner properties as regulated by CC&R's
- Storage and placement of trash receptacles for collection by city or private contractors
- American Flags of standard size may be displayed, as protected by federal statute.
   All other flags as regulated by CC&R's.
- Pets, if regulations are specified in CC&R's

### **City Responsibility**

- Public street maintenance including curbs, drainage and traffic enforcement
- Parking Enforcement on public thoroughfares including alleyways
- Public parks and recreation areas
- Signage regulated by city ordinances
- Public lighting, such as street lights
- Issuance of building permits When to obtain a permit
- Trash collection if provided by municipal services
- Landscape watering rules
- Neighbor disturbances
- Animal Control Services and matters regulated by city ordinances such as leash laws, noise/disturbing the peace and picking up pet waste
- Electric and watering in public parks
- Illegal business operations
- Health hazards

These are general guidelines that are typical of many owners' associations. Please refer to your association's CC&R's and your city's website for regulations specific to your community

## DIRECTORY OF METROPLEX ATTRACTIONS AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES

## **Dallas/Ft. Worth Metroplex Attractions**

<b>Nearby Attractions</b>		Dallas Nature Center	972.296.1955
American Airlines Center	214.222.3687	Dallas Zoo 214.670.565	
Nokia Theater	972.647.5700	Fair Park 214.670.840	
Reunion Arena	214.800.3080	Fort Worth Botanical Garden 817.871.7686	
Six Flags Over Texas	817.640.8900	Fort Worth Zoo and Mini Train	817.871.7050
Six Flags over Hurricane Harbor	817.265.3356	Movie Studios at Las Colinas Tours	972.869.3456
Texas Stadium	972.438.7676	McKinney Ave. Trolley 214.855.526	
		Stockyards Museum History Sty.	817.625.5082
Galleries - Museums		The Sixth Floor Museum	214.747.6660
African American Museum	214.565.9026	Southfork Ranch Event and 972.442.7800	
Age of Stream Railroad Museum	214.428.0101	Conference Center	
Amon Carter Museum	817.738.1933	Tarantula Train	817.625.7245
Biblical Arts Center	214.691.4661		
Dallas Museum of Art	214.922.1200	<b>Governmental Offices</b>	
Dallas Museum of Natural Hist.	214.421.3466		
Hall of State (Texas History)	214.421.4500	Texas Department of Motor Vehic	eles
Kimbell Art Museum	817.654.1034	http:// www.txdmv.gov	
Modern Art Museum Ft. Worth	817.738.9215	<b>F</b>	
Science Place	214.428.5555	Voter Registration	
		http://votetexas.gov/register-to-vot	e.
Performing Arts		ntip.,, votetenus.gov, register to vot	
Bass Performance Hall	817.212.4280	M	
Casa Mañana Theater	817.332.2272	Municipal Web Addresses	
Dallas Black Dance Theater	214.871.2376		
Dallas Theater Center	214.522.8499	Addison	
Dallas Opera	214.443.1043	http://www.addisontx.gov	
Dallas Symphony	214.871.4000		
Morton H. Myerson	214.670.3600	Allen	
Symphony Ctr		http://www.cityofallen.org	
Music Hall at Fair Park	214.565.1116		
Plano Symphony Orchestra	972.473.7262	Arlington	
Smirnoff Music Centre	214.373.8000	http://www.arlingtontx.gov	
<b>Sporting Events</b>		Azle	
FC Dallas (outdoor Soccer)	214.705.6700	http://www.cityofazle.org	
Dallas Cowboys (Football)	972.556.9900	T	
Dallas Mavericks (Basketball)	214.747.6287	Bluffdale	
Dallas Stars (Hockey)	214.467.8277	http://www.granburychamber.com	
Texas Rangers (Baseball)	817.273.5000	D 1	
Frisco Rough Riders (Baseball)	972.731.9200	Burleson	
Mesquite Championship Rodeo	972.285.8777	http://www.burlesontx.com	
Lone Star Park @ Grand Prairie	972.263.7223	~	
Texas Motor Speedway	817.215.8500	Carrollton	
Texas Motorplex	972.878.2641	http://www.cityofcarrollton.com	
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Family Outings		Cedar Hill	
Dallas Aquarium	214.670.8443	http://ci.cedarhill.tx.us	
Dallas Arboretum and	214.515.6500		
Botanical Gardens			

#### **Directory Continued**

Coppell

http://www.ci.coppell.tx.us

Corinth

http://cityofcorinth.com

Crowley

http://www.ci.crowley.tx.us

Dallas

http://www.dallascvb.com

Denton

http://www.co.denton.tx.us

Euless

http://www.euless.org

Fairview

http://www.fairviewtexas.org

Farmers Branch

http://www.ci.farmers-branch.tx.us

Flower Mound

http://www.flower-mound.com

Fort Worth

http://www.fortworthgov.org

Frisco

http://www.ci.frisco.tx.us

Grand Prairie http://gptx.org

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Grapevine

http://www.ci.grapevine.tx.us

Hurst

http://www.ci.hurst.tx.us

Irving

http://www.ci.irving.tx.us

Keller

http://www.cityofkeller.com

Lewisville

http://www.cityoflewisville.com

Little Elm

http://www.littleelm.org

Mansfield

http://www.mansfield-tx.gov

McKinney

http://www.mckinneytexas.org

Melissa

http://www.cityofmelissa.com

Mesquite

http://www.cityofmesquite.com

North Richland Hills http://www.nrhtx.com

Plano

http://www.plano.gov

Red Oak

http://www.redoaktx.org

Richardson

http://www.cor.net

Rockwall

http://www.rockwall.com

Rowlett

http://www.ci.rowlett.tx.us

Sachse

http://www.cityofsachse.com

Seagoville

http://www.seagoville.us

Southlake

http://www.ci.southlake.tx.us

Terrell

http://www.cityofterrell.org

The Colony

http://www.ci.the-colony.tx.us

Wylie

http://www.ci.wylie.tx.us



UNDERSTANDING YOUR COMMUNITY'S STANDARDS:

MERIDIAN HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

#### A NOTE FROM CMA

Dear Owner.

Each neighborhood possesses its own unique sense of place and aesthetic beauty, where landscaping and architectural controls are in place to ensure uniformity. Abiding by the standards described in this pamphlet will help to enhance your property, while complementing the community as a whole.

The community's Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&R's) set down standards to ensure that property values are not compromised or diluted. Structural design standards preserve the community's appearance, while complying with the applicable building codes, fire codes and other laws and regulations.

This material is designed to guide individual owners in regard to specific standards for modifications, restrictions and architectural design. It provides instructions, timeframes and requirements for the application and review process.

The glossary of terms and frequently asked questions will familiarize you with your community's requirements; however, this is an overview. Please refer to your association's governing documents for full details

Your CMA Management Team

#### **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

ACC/ARC/MOD Committees & Forms Architectural Control Committee, Architectural Review Committee, Modifications Committee. These named forms are to be used when submitting plans and applications for the construction or modification of improvements within the property.

**Association** – This refers to the Owners Association in which each owner of record is a member of an existing Texas not-for-profit corporation.

**CC&R's** – Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions are established protective standards, restrictions, and obligations in areas ranging from architectural control to prohibitions on various activities in order to promote harmonious living.

**Declarant/Developer** – Governing body that is in control of the Association until transition when the owners are in control of the decisions as they relate to the Community. Refers to the developer and any of its successors which are designated "Declarant" by the previous Declarant, in a recorded amendment to the declaration.

**Easement** – Right granted by one property owner to another entity to allow access to a dedicated area.

**Fine** – A monetary charge issued to an owner's account when the violation process has been exhausted in accordance with governing documents.

**Inoperable Vehicle** – Vehicle with flat tire(s), on blocks, with expired registrations and/or inspection stickers.

**Property Owner** – Developer, builder or owner of record who holds the recorded title to a piece of property or lot.

**Self Help Notice** – Notification to advise the owner that the Association will be taking necessary action at the expense of the owner in complying with a violation.

**Survey Plat/Plot Plan** – Certified drawing indicating the location of the home within the property lines, including the fence line boundaries.

**Modification** – Alteration, change, remodel, restoration, addition or renovation to any building, structure, fence, wall, landscaping or improvement project of any kind.

**Violation** – Non-compliance with the Community's standards as dictated by the governing documents and guidelines, (i.e. not maintaining lawn or landscaping).

#### **ARCHITECTURAL**

#### **MODIFICATIONS**

**Instructions:** All changes made to the outside of your home must be submitted to the Architectural Committee prior to starting the project.

The form which should be used can be completed online by logging in as a registered owner at <a href="https://www.cmamanagement.com">www.cmamanagement.com</a>. The form can also be printed from the site or a copy can be obtained from CMA at 817-310-6900. Submissions should include as much detail as possible, including colors, materials, drawings, plans, pictures, dimensions and all other information that will assist in the approval process. Also, you must include a plot plan/survey of your Lot indicating the specific site of the project. These may be scanned for online submission, or provided as print documents to accompany your print or online submission.

Once the form is completed and all pertinent information is gathered, please submit to CMA via the CMA website or by mail to: 2555 SW Grapevine Pkwy, Ste 300, Grapevine, TX 76051.

**REVIEW PROCESS:** Submissions/applications for modifications to the Owner's property are to be reviewed on a case to case basis. The Committee has up to 30 days from receipt of all required information to render a decision. The Committee may request additional information to help clarify the submission. After review, the Owner will be notified of the Committee's decision.

**APPLICATION:** The Application should include photos, drawings, brochures, plats, colors, dimensions and any other information that will assist the Committee in their decision. **Property Owners must sign the application if it is not submitted online**. Contractor's signatures for property Owners will not be accepted without the Owner's signature attached as well. Projects are not permitted to begin until the Committee has approved the application. Please note: the submission/application documents will not be returned to the Owners.

**APPEAL:** Owners may appeal the Committee's decision by requesting a hearing in writing to CMA located at: 2555 SW Grapevine Pkwy, Ste 300, Grapevine, TX 76051. Requests for appeal must be received within 30 days from the date of the Committee's decision.

#### **ARCHITECTURAL**

#### FAQ's

- What projects need approval? Any modifications or alterations to the exterior of your property. Submission for approval is always recommended.
- Do I have to wait to start the project? Yes, all projects must be submitted and approved prior to starting.
- O What if I did not obtain approval for my project? You will be asked to submit for approval. If your project is denied, you may be required to remove your project and restore the roperty to the previous condition.
- If my project will not change from the original design, location, color or dimension, do I need to submit to the Committee? No, repairs and exact replacements do not need approval; only changes or additions require approval.
- My contractor does not provide drawings or brochures. What should I use instead? A hand drawing of the project will be sufficient as long as it includes a plat map, dimensions, colors and materials.
- When does the committee meet? The committee meets as needed (when applications are submitted).
- o Where can I obtain an ARC form? You can contact CMA and a form can be mailed, emailed, or faxed to you or you may download it online by clicking on Homeowner Connection/ACC Request/ACC by mail at
  - http://www.cmamanagement.com/uploaddocs/cma/website//acc\_request.asp?id=23162
- How will I be notified of the Committee's decision? You will be notified by first class mail of the Committee's decision.

#### **RESIDENT FAQ's**

- Where can I get a copy of the Rules and Regulations for the Meridian Homeowners Association? Texas Property Code requires that all owners be given a copy of the Bylaws and Declaration for the property at closing. If you did not receive this information, contact your title company for your copy. If you have misplaced your copy, CMA will be happy to provide you with a copy for a fee.
- What are the lawn maintenance standards for the community? CC&R's Section 7.15: Lot must be kept in a trimmed, well-kept and clean condition. Shrubs, trees and grass will be trimmed and free of trash and other unsightly materials. Weeds must be removed from lawn, flowerbeds and other planter areas on a regular basis.
- Can boats, trailers, or recreational vehicles be parked within the community? Section 7.3: Recreational vehicles and trailers cannot be parked in the driveway or yard of a lot unless they are completely screened from view. Normally, this means they can be parked in the garage.
- O Where should the trash receptacles be stored? Section 7.8: Receptacles must be stored from public view at all times, with the exception of trash day.
- When can trash receptacles/bulk trash be placed on the curb? Section 7.8: Only on trash pick-up day.
- O Can work be done on a vehicle on the property? Section 7.2: No dismantling or assembly of any machinery, vehicle, or equipment is permitted on the driveway, or any portion of the lot visible from any street. In addition, no inoperable cars may be parked on the property except within an enclosed garage.
- O Can a commercial vehicle be parked on the property? Section 7.3: If a vehicle has more than 3 axles, or has greater than 1-ton carrying capacity, it is not allowed to be parked on a lot, unless it is stored from view in the garage.

#### RESIDENT FAQ's (cont'd)

- O When can holiday decorations be displayed? Section 7.23: Decorations can be placed on display six weeks in advance of a publicly observed holiday and must be removed 30 days after the holiday has ended.
- What are the Association requirements for a yard/garage sale? There is no Association restriction on garage sales. Check with the City of Lewisville for city requirements.
- o What are the restrictions for signage in the yard? Section 7.7: One sign may be displayed listing a home for sale or rent. This sign cannot exceed 2 feet by 3 feet. One sign can be displayed for an open house (only during open house hours). One political sign may be displayed no more than 60 days in advance of the election and must be removed 15 days after the election.
- o If an Owner chooses not to abide by the Rules and Regulations, what are the consequences? Section 5.9: The Board of Directors may impose a fine, suspend voting rights, suspend use of the common areas or imposed self-help, require removal of items/structures, levy specific assessments, and/or bring a lawsuit against an owner.
- Meridian HOA Website: <u>www.meridianhoa.net</u>

#### **Enforcement Procedures**

The existence of a violation will be verified by a field observation and an owner will be notified by mail (1<sup>st</sup> class and/or certified mail). The owner will have at least 10 days to correct or eliminate the violation. Failure to correct the violation or request a hearing within the specified time can result in sanctions and or fines being imposed. Any attorney's fees and costs will be charged to the owner's account.

## Meridian Homeowners' Association Inspection Guidelines/ACA Guidelines

### **Landscape:**

#### Landscape Beds

- Landscape beds must be kept clear of weeds, grass, trash and debris.
- Dead plant material must be removed promptly.

#### Lawn:

- Grass should be no higher than 6" (front, sides, and back of home).
- Clippings must be bagged or mulching mower should be used.
- No dallis grass allowed (considered a weed).
- No weeds of any kind allowed in front, side or rear of home.
- Lawns must be edged (front, side, rear of home and along fences, driveway, sidewalks, curbs and so forth).

#### Trees:

- Trees must be trimmed to 8' from ground as to not hang over sidewalk or alleyways.
- Dead trees must be removed and plans made to replace them.
- Tree-wells must be free of weeds and grass.
- Bracing stakes must be removed when trees become stable.

### Hedges:

- Shrubs must be trimmed and shaped as needed.
- Dead shrubs must be removed.

## Fences: (Modifications including color changes need ACA approval)

- Missing slats must be replaced.
- Rotten slats must be replaced.
- Broken slats must be replaced.
- Warped slats must be replaced.
- All pickets must be securely attached.
- Fence must be upright and not leaning.
- Gates must be in good working order.
- Bottom of fences must be kept clear of grass and weeds.
- Homeowner lots with an engineered retaining wall may not alter any such retaining wall, construct any fence on top of the retaining wall, or enter into any other type of construction requiring interference with the retaining wall without prior written approval from the HOA.

### **Architectural:**

- Without prior written approval from the ACA, no changes to the exterior of your home may be made. To include:
  - o New fences, fence extensions, color changes, electronic gates.
  - o Landscape changes.
  - o Arbors.
  - o Patio covers and overhangs.
  - o Play equipment.
  - o Outdoor storage buildings.
  - o Animal enclosures above fence line.
  - o Any structure that is visible above a homeowner fence.
  - o Flag Pole.
  - o Color changes to façade of home and exterior buildings.

## **Boats/RV's/Trailers:**

• Boats, trailers, RV's may not be stored on the street or in driveways. If they do not fit in garage, they must be stored off-site.

### **Garbage Containers:**

• Containers may be put out the day of pick-up ONLY and must be stored back inside the garage or in back yard.

### Signs:

- One (1) per lot advertising for sale or for rent. No other advertising, contractor signs, etc. allowed.
- See Section 7.7 of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&Rs) for other requirements.

### **Satellite Dishes:**

• Small satellite dishes to be located as far toward the rear of the home as possible as to not interfere with reception.

## **Floodlights:**

• Floodlights require prior approval before installation and may not be offensive to adjacent homeowners.

### **Porches:**

- Porches must be kept clear of trash and debris.
- Porches may not be used as a storage area.
- No upholstered furniture will be allowed for outdoor use.

## **Flagpoles:**

- Homeowner must submit for approval from ACA before installing a flag pole.
  - o Flag pole must not exceed 12' in height
  - o Homeowners are limited to one flag pole per lot

### **Holiday Lights:**

• Holiday lighting must be taken down by January 10<sup>th</sup> of each year.

### **Other:**

• Homeowners are advised to read the Declaration of Covenants Conditions and Restrictions provided at purchase of their property.

# MERIDIAN HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. Architectural Control Submission Form

Owner (Applicant):			Account:		
Street Address:				Zip:	
Lot: Block:	Village/Subdi	vision:			
Contractor:			Phone/Email:		
Project Start Date:			Project Completion	Date:	
Notification Method: (F	Please circle preferred	d)			
Phone: H)		W)		C)	
Mailing Address (if diff	erent)				
Email:					
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Committee Post-completion Inspection

Committee Pre-Approval Inspection

#### **Owners Acknowledgements:**

#### I understand:

- That no work on this request shall commence until I have received approval of the Architectural Control Authority (ACA);
- Any construction or alteration to the subject property prior to approval of the Architectural Control Authority is strictly prohibited. If I have commenced or completed any construction or alteration to the subject property and any part of this application is disapproved, I may be required to return the subject property to its original condition at MY OWN EXPENSE. If I refuse to do so and the HOA incurs any legal fees related to my construction and/or application, I will reimburse the HOA for all such legal expenses incurred.
- That any approval is contingent upon construction or alterations being completed in a neat and orderly manner;
- That there are architectural requirements covered by the Covenants and a board review process as established by the Board of Directors;
- All proposed improvements to the property must comply with city, county, state and local codes. I understand that applications for all required building permits are my responsibility. Nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver of modification of any codes. My signature indicates that these standards are met to the best of my knowledge.
- That any variation from the original application must be resubmitted for approval;
- That if approved, said alteration must be maintained per the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for the HOA.
- This alteration will not detrimentally affect the proper drainage of any common areas or surrounding lots. I will be responsible at my expense to correct any drainage problems to such areas that may occur as a result of this work or alteration.
- The Builder/Applicant acknowledges and agrees that the Committee and Association assume no liability resulting from the approval or disapproval of any plans submitted. The Committee and the Association assume no liability and make no representations regarding the adequacy or quality of any submitted plans or whether such plans comply with any or all governing authority requirements. The Committee review, comments, and/or approvals do not relieve the Builder/Applicant of their responsibility and obligation to comply with the Master Declaration, Master Design Guidelines, or Subdivision Guidelines as applicable. The Builder/Applicant agrees to grant the Association accesses to property at any reasonable hour to inspect for compliance issues.
- It is the duty of the owner and the contractor employed by the owner to determine that the proposed improvement is structurally, mechanically and otherwise safe and that it is designed and constructed in compliance with applicable building codes, fire codes, other laws or regulations and sound practices. The Meridian Homeowners' Association, the ACA Committee and any employee or member thereof, shall not be liable in damages or otherwise because of the approval or non-approval of any improvement.

I certify that the above information is an accurate representation of the proposed improvements and that the work will conform to applicable codes, covenants and standards. I also certify that the improvements will be completed in accordance with the approved application. I understand that construction is not to begin until approval has been received from the Architectural Control Authority. The Architectural Control Authority has permission to enter the property to make inspections, as they deem necessary.

Owner/Applicant Signature:	Date:
Co-Owner/Applicant Signature:	Date:

#### Informational Addendum

REVIEW PROCESS - The ACA may take up to thirty days from the scheduled meeting date to render a decision. However, the ACA will use every reasonable effort to expedite the review process. Applications will be reviewed prior to the scheduled meeting date for completeness and the ACA may request additional information to help clarify proposal. An applicant may appeal the decision (see below).

APPLICATION - The application must be accompanied with necessary documents, photos, drawings, brochures, and information necessary to present to the ACA. *Property owners must sign the application*. Contractor's signatures for property owners will not be accepted. Modifications are not permitted to commence until the modification has been reviewed and approved by the ACA.

APPEALS - Requests to appeal an ACA decision must be made in writing within thirty days after the Modification application has been returned to the property owner.

## MERIDIAN HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

### **CHANGE OF MAILING ADDRESS AUTHORIZATION FORM**

Please accept this correspondence as authorization to change the mailing address of my property located in Meridian Homeowners' Association, Inc. All items preceded by an "\*" <u>must</u> be completed.

*Property Owner Name: _	
Account Number (If Available	e):
*Property's Physical Address	S:
*Current Mailing Address: _	
_	
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*New Mailing Address: _	
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*PRINT NAME:	
*SIGNED:	
*DATE:	
Diagon mail the completed form to	Maridian Hamagurara' Association Inc
Please mail the completed form to	: Meridian Homeowners' Association, Inc. 1800 Preston Park Blvd., Suite 101 Plano, TX 75093
	Attention: Closing Department
Or fax: (214) 778-0500	

**PLEASE NOTE:** Forms not signed or dated by an owner of the property will not be processed.

#### MERIDIAN HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

#### HOMEOWNER CONTACT INFORMATION

All information is intended for confidential and private use to contact members for Association business only by the Board of Directors and Management. Your Information will not be published by the Association in a directory without your express written consent.

Please submit this completed form to the Association via fax at 817-310-6950, or regular mail at:

MERIDIAN HOA 2555 SW Grapevine Pkwy Suite 300 Grapevine, TX 76051

Please print the following information. Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Address: Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone Number:\_\_\_\_\_ **Mobile Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Phone Number(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: Alternate Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Contact Method: If you have any questions, please contact the management office at 817-310-6900. Thank you for your cooperation. Your Board of Directors Homeowner signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP BUILD YOUR COMMUNITY

**Meridian Homeowners' Association** is seeking individuals interested in taking a leadership role within their Association. The ongoing support of members is vital in preserving and enhancing the lifestyle of our community. If you are willing to serve in this capacity, please provide the following information.

The Social Committee provides for social get-togethers and activities that help promote good neighbor relations and a sense of fun in the community.

The Communications Committee is responsible in creating the quarterly newsletter as a means of providing the residents with current information that impacts the Association as a whole. Some topics covered would include City actions that impact the HOA, area current events, social and entertainment news, and Association updates of interest to all in regards to the business of the Association.

The purpose of the ACC is to recommend standards for Board adoption; establishes procedures for submission, review and approval of architectural plans; and enforces architectural standards. The responsibility of the ACC is to review all plans submitted by homeowners for conformity to the governing documents. It is also the responsibility of the ACC to approve or deny these requests.

The purpose of the Neighborhood Crime Watch Committee is to work hand in hand with the local police department via communication and other resources in regards to prevention of crime and vandalism in community. It's responsibility is to establish a program via the Police Department to establish block captains for parts of the neighborhood. Keep abreast of crime prevention tips through the local police Crime Watch facilitator.

Serving on an Association Volunteer Committee is a job that requires imagination, dedication and time, but at the same time, an enjoyment of working with neighbors to promote a beautiful, enjoyable and safe environment and community for all residents.

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Please mail your completed form to:

Meridian Homeowners' Association 2555 SW Grapevine Pkwy Suite 300 Grapevine, TX 76051 Keep Up To Date
on the News within the
Neighborhood
by Visiting the
Community Website at:

MeridianHOA.net