

ASHBOROUGH GUIDELINES FOR FRONT YARD ORNAMENTATION

Ashborough is fortunate to have larger yards with more trees and plantings than most neighborhoods. These features are sufficient to create a sense of unity that preserves our natural settings and overall property values. However, some homeowners seek to add to their front yards through the installation of sculpture and other ornaments.

These guidelines are intended to indicate which ornament additions require approval by the Architectural Review Board before installation, and which types are not allowed. These guidelines do not apply to temporary seasonal holiday decorations in front yards.

No specific approval is required if the proposed ornamentation passes ALL the conditions outlined below:

SIZE

Must be smaller than 36” in ALL dimensions (including bed height). Larger size must be reviewed and approved by the ARB before installation.

LOCATION

Must be within 10 ft of the front of the house, not including steps. Other sites require approval.

NUMBER OF PIECES

No more than two (2) pieces of sculpture or ornament are allowed in front yards.

MATERIALS

- Permittedstone, wood, or concrete.
- Requiring approvalall others

COLORS

- Permitted.....a natural weathered look. Also permitted: painted or stained **natural** colors in the green, brown, or black family
- Requiring approvalall other colors.
- Not allowed.....bright, fluorescent, neon, or “hot” colors (pink, purple, etc.).

SUBJECT MATTER

- Permittedbirdbaths, stone lanterns, religious or classical figures, small stone animals, baskets, urns, sundials, small birdhouses, and benches.
- Requiring approval ...all other subject matter (example: flagpoles, fountains)
- Not allowed.....wishing wells, windmills, life-size animals, (deer, flamingos, etc.), wheelbarrows, buckboards, wagon wheels, decorative signs, hitching posts, fencing, large silhouette figures, rope swings

PLANTING BEDS and PLANTS

- Permitted various natural mulches (pine straw, bark, etc)
- Requiring ARB approval all other materials, including stone products (gravels, etc.)
- Not allowed crop plants like corn, squash, beans, blackberry, etc.

MAILBOXES.....no modifications to the appearance of the mailboxes are allowed