

Introduction to the BWMA Architectural Control Committee

Purpose

To provide for the protection of building integrity, standards, aesthetics and overall harmony of our master planned community and environment, the Boca West Master Association, Inc. (“BWMA”) Architectural Control Committee (“ACC”) has developed this set of guidelines to review Village and resident applications for change. This involves only changes to property exterior appearances including, but not limited to, tear-down and rebuild of homes, additions, new or extended patios, new screen enclosures or alterations to existing screen enclosure colors, design, or frames, window and door alterations, paving (milling and overlay only, but not sealcoating), Village signage, new pool/spa installations, golf cart enclosures, and Village landscaping projects visible from or affecting Boca West Common Areas.

As set forth in Article VII of the Amended Declaration of Maintenance Covenants of BWMA, the approval requirements herein shall be inapplicable to any maintenance that does not modify, alter, or change the external appearance of any Lot, Member Village Association common area, or Member property, nor any non-material landscaping modifications.

The ACC does not seek to restrict individual creativity, but rather to maintain within the entire community the aesthetic relationship among homes, within Villages, golf courses and natural surroundings.

Authority

The authority for the ACC is set forth in Article VII of the Amended Declaration of Maintenance Covenants for Boca West Master Association. The ACC is responsible for carrying out its duties on behalf of all members of the Association for the benefit of the entire community, and their actions must be approved by the Boca West Master Association (BWMA) Board of Directors.

The ACC serves the Board of Directors and is chaired by a Board member, who appoints the other Committee members on an annual basis. Decisions and/or recommendations of the Committee are made by a majority of those members present at a Committee meeting, provided there is a quorum (majority) of Committee members present at the Committee meeting, or unless in the reasonable discretion of the Committee chairman, circumstances are such that a meeting cannot be timely convened and quorum obtained due to time constraints and, in such cases, the Committee and/or Board has delegated authority to one or more Committee members to make a decision/recommendation in the absence of a meeting and a quorum.

Responsibilities

On behalf of the Association, the ACC is empowered to perform the following functions:

1. To review all Owner and Village architectural applications for compliance with established Village architectural design criteria, if any, and the Amended Declaration of Maintenance Covenants.
2. To require that each respective Owner and Village application is completed and reviewed in its entirety and approved by at least three (3) Village board members and the Village community association manager to determine compliance with established Village architectural design criteria, if any, and the Amended Declaration of Maintenance Covenants.

3. To contact all applicants whose plans and specifications have been approved or disapproved, with reasons for disapproval.
4. To maintain copies of applications, design documents and related records, for a period of at least seven (7) years.
5. To inform members of the Association regarding activities of the ACC and changes in criteria as they may occur.
6. To interact and assist Villages with the architectural control process.

GUIDELINES FOR ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS

1. The process for obtaining approval begins with the application. The applicant must complete and abide by all instructions contained in the application. The applicant shall use this application to fully describe the intended project. Applications can be obtained directly from Village managers, downloaded from the BWMA website (www.bocawestmaster.com) or picked up at the BWMA administrative office during business hours. Certain projects may require the ACC and/or Board to obtain the advice and assistance of an outside engineer/architect to review the plans and specifications submitted for approval. Accordingly, the ACC and/or Board may require an owner to submit, along with the application a fee not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to be used for retention of an outside engineer/architect to review the plans and specifications submitted. Any difference between the \$1,000.00 fee submitted with the application for approval and the actual costs incurred by the Association in the retention of the outside engineer/architect will be refunded to the owner upon issuance of the approval by the ACC/Board of the plans and specifications for the work set forth in the application.
2. Compliance with all Village requirements must be met, which can be found in the respective Village governing documents, as well as the BWMA Declaration of Maintenance Covenants.
3. As a courtesy to your neighbors, it is recommended that the submitting Village resident/manager/Board notify neighbors that may be impacted by work in progress, noise, view change, traffic, etc.
4. For home tear-downs and re-builds, additions, or other large projects, the architect and/or builder may be required to attend the ACC meeting to present and review the complete set of plans, and must be available throughout the duration of the project should there be issues of concern.
5. Roof materials and design shall conform with established Village architectural design criteria, if any, and the Villages' architectural guidelines, if any.

6. Roof Maintenance (Approved at the June 25, 2024 Board Meeting)

The Boca West Master Association is dedicated to providing for the safety and security of residents and guests and upholding a consistent level of excellence in providing a beautifully maintained environment. We strive to forge mutually supportive relationships with the Boca West Country Club and the Village Associations.

The Village Association has the responsibility to ensure that the property owners maintain their property in accordance with the standards of the Association. Homeowners and village Boards are to review the cleanliness of the roofs within your Village. Non-compliance by a homeowner, HOA or Condominium will result in the Master Association taking further action under Article VI Exterior Maintenance of the Boca West Master Association Declaration of Maintenance Covenants, by authorizing a contractor to perform the cleaning with the homeowner, HOA or Condominium being billed for the cost incurred, including administrative fees. Failure to pay such costs will ultimately result in a lien being filed on the dwelling in favor of the BWMA.

7. **Glass Color & Tint (Approved at the September 25, 2024 Board Meeting).** Windows, fixed glass and doors shall conform to current Florida Building code. Frames (including frame color as approved by the respective Village), must conform to existing colors within the Village as approved by the Village Board. Glass color and Low-e tint are determined by the Village Board.
8. Exterior paint color changes, must be approved by the respective Village's Board and community association manager before submission to the ACC.
9. **Landscaping. (Approved at the November 11, 2024 Board Meeting).** Astro Turf is allowed at the discretion of the villages. Faux plants are not allowed.
10. Satellite dishes – camouflage requirements may only be imposed on ground level installations to the extent that the Village requires similar outside structures be camouflaged. Requirements for installation shall not hinder the ability of the resident to receive satellite signals. Satellite dishes shall not be installed on any associations' common property. Where possible, satellite dishes shall be installed at the rear of homes.
11. Flags/flagpoles display, in accordance with Chapter 720 of the Florida Statutes:
A homeowner may display one portable, removable United States flag or official flag of the State of Florida in a respectful manner; and one portable, removable official flag not larger than 4 ½ feet by 6 feet, which represents the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or a POW-MIA flag, regardless of any covenants, restrictions, bylaws, rules or requirements of an association.

A homeowner may erect a freestanding flagpole no more than 20 feet high, on any portion of the homeowner's real property, regardless of any covenants, restrictions, bylaws, rules or requirements of an association, if the flagpole does not obstruct sightlines at intersections and is not erected within or upon an easement. The homeowner may further display in a respectful manner from that flagpole, one official United States flag, not larger than 4 ½ feet by 6 feet, and may additionally display one official flag of the State of Florida or the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard or POW-MIA flag. Such additional flag must be equal in size to or smaller than the United States flag.
12. Notices, signs, billboards, advertising signs or structures are prohibited on any lot, other than building permit boards.
13. Mailboxes and mailbox numbers shall conform to applicable Village and postal standards, if any.

14. Exterior lighting shall conform to Village standards, if any.
15. Fences must conform to Village standards and guidelines.
16. Wood siding for buildings is discouraged, due to maintenance requirements and termite infiltration.
17. Solar panels shall be reviewed on an individual basis and shall lay flat to the roof plane. All piping shall be concealed whenever possible and all exposed piping shall be painted to match the surrounding surface. Solar panels must be in accordance with the Solar Rights Act of Florida, Florida Statute 163.04. Solar panels shall be placed in the least conspicuous locations reasonably possible, while not impairing the effective operation of the solar collectors.
18. Visible clotheslines are not permitted.
19. Window and/or wall air conditioning units are not permitted.
20. Screen enclosures and hurricane shutters shall be designed to conform to current Florida Building Code and applicable Village requirements.
21. If required by Palm Beach County, a survey noting the changes is required for modifications such as fences, new pool installations, additions, screen enclosures, substantial driveway modifications, walkways, generators or other new mechanical equipment.
22. Golf Cart Structures: A survey noting the location of the structure and landscaping to be installed must be included with the application. Effective on July 29, 2020, the BWMA Board of Directors adopted the following rule regarding overnight golf cart parking:

Golf carts may only be parked or stored overnight (i) within a garage or (ii) under or within an enclosure that has been approved by the Architectural Control Committee of the Master Association. The Master Association and/or such Committee may from time to time adopt and publish such guidelines and standards for approval as deemed reasonably appropriate. Areas designated for golf cart storage must have county-permitted electrical outlets and the shelter must comply with hurricane building standards.

Golf Cart Structures: (Approved at the June 25, 2024 Board Meeting)

These specifications going forward will ensure that there is uniformity in construction type material as well as community aesthetics. These guidelines create a starting direction for a village board to hire a professional firm to create construction drawings to be used for Palm Beach County Building permit application and formal approval of the Master Association Architectural Committee.

All covered parking structures will be constructed with a minimum of (3) stucco walls with a minimum height of 5 feet and a hard roof and solid surface parking surface. (Awnings, Vinyl fabric structures will not be permitted for any reason)

- **Walls** must be constructed of concrete block, wood or metal frame with plywood or equal to create a stucco finish to match existing finishes of community and or to match the likes of other structures already constructed.
- **Roofing** must be of hard materials: acceptable construction is of insulated aluminum foam panels, wood or metal truss, decked with a lightweight or tile roof material to match or complement existing village roof construction.
- **Parking Surface** must be constructed of concrete, asphalt, brick pavers, porcelain tile or the like kind. No crushed rock, stones or grass parking will be allowed.

All structures require Palm Beach County Building permitting, Village and Architectural Control Committee review and approval before work can begin. Electrical service will also require Palm Beach County Building permits and inspections.

ACC has the right to request additional documents, plans, site plans, renderings, material samples, landscape design, color samples, engineering and architectural information, insurance information as well as city, county and state license for all work being done.

All colors will be first approved by village boards and match e each community or new design submitted to ACC for approval.

ACC recommends that if you have any question on materials and or construction that a preconstruction meeting be scheduled with your design professionals and the ACC.

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(Approved at the February 26, 2025 Board Meeting)

Low Speed Vehicles (LSV) are not to park in designated car parking spaces and must be stored in an approved golf cart shed constructed according to the Architectural Control Guidelines.

23. Mid-Rise Buildings:

- a. Awnings are not permitted.
- b. All patio/balcony enclosures must be the same color in each building.
- c. If not already in place, standards and guidelines must be chosen by respective condominiums for patio/balcony enclosures, windows & doors and any other building component that can be viewed from the exterior.
- d. When incorporating terraces into a living area, a structural engineer's report must be submitted along with the petition confirming the weight will not affect the high-rise building structure.

TEAR-DOWNS & REBUILDS

1. Tear-downs will not be allowed without the Village and BWMA ACC final approval of new home certified plans, which must accompany the application for any new home construction. The exception to this is in the event a home is damaged beyond repair by fire, the house will be allowed to be taken down.
2. Two final completed sets of plans are required – one for the Village and one for BWMA ACC – all plans to be drawn to 1/4" to 1' scale. Plan is to include the following:
 - a. Stamped, final plan, elevations, working drawings from an engineer/architect
 - b. Exterior finishes, doors, windows, materials, colors, including roof type and color
 - c. Exterior paint colors, if not shown with initial plans, must be approved in advance of commencement of work, by the respective Village and BWMA.
 - d. Hardscape plans – patios, balconies, porches, new pool/spa installations, walkways, decks; screen enclosures, and mechanical equipment.
3. Lots shall be appropriately fenced during construction.
4. Port-O-Lets shall be approved by the respective Village.
5. Dumpsters must be located at a location on the owner's Lot and must not interfere with traffic flow in the community. Dumpsters must be covered when full and promptly emptied.
6. Lot must be kept clean on a daily basis.
7. Rules for workers include OSHA guidelines, no loud music, no alcoholic beverages, no firearms, no family members and no friends; no pets; shirts and shoes to be worn at all times.
8. Plans must reflect respective county and Village specifications for setback requirements, height restrictions, color standards for siding and roof, any landscape restrictions, , and Lot size.

HURRICANE PROVISIONS

When Boca West is in a hurricane watch as dictated by the National Hurricane Center, the site must be cleared of all loose building materials, loose roof tiles must be removed, the dumpster must be emptied and covered, the Port-O-Let must be removed or secured to the structure in such a way as to be immovable. Failure to protect the surrounding structures will be grounds to suspend the project and the responsibility of any damage to any properties will be borne by the homeowner and the contractors.

Hurricane Shutter Rule (Approved at the June 25, 2024 Board Meeting)

Deployment of Hurricane Shutters. Notwithstanding any covenant, rule, or restriction contained in a Member Village Association's governing documents and/or Rules and Regulations that may include more stringent timeframes or requirements for deployment/closure of hurricane shutters, except in circumstances where a hurricane watch or warning has been issued for South or Central Florida, hurricane shutters on any Home or structure on a Lot within Boca West, as defined by Article I(d) of the Declaration for Boca West, as amended from time to time, shall not be deployed or closed at any time outside the official Hurricane season as defined by the National Weather Service, generally, from June 1 through November 30 of each year. Failure to comply with this rule may result in fines and transponder suspension.

INSURANCE

Contractor(s) shall provide BWMA with a certificate of insurance naming the BWMA as certificate holder. The following minimum limits apply:

- Commercial General Liability - \$1,000,000
- Workers Compensation – statutory

SAFETY & SECURITY GUIDELINES

Vehicles of workers for all projects will comply with the respective Villages' rules and BWMA "Rules of the Road".

For the safety of all residents, all contractors, subcontractors, and vendors who enter Boca West ***must display their company sign!***

All contractor/vendor vehicle signs must:

- **Display name of company and telephone number**
- **Be prominently displayed on all vehicles**
- **Be permanently affixed or magnetic with the lettering at least three (3) inches high**
- **Must remain on contractors/vendor vehicles at all times while in Boca West!**

Contractors and vendors must enter Boca West property through Jog Road or Yamato Road. Please Note: Contractors and vendors that repeatedly fail or refuse to follow the approved ACC Guidelines and BWMA "Rules of the Road" will be subject to losing their privilege to gain access and/or work in Boca West.

CONSTRUCTION DAYS & HOURS

- Monday – Friday; 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- No work on Sunday or holidays: New Years Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Rosh Hoshana, Yom Kippur, Thanksgiving Day, the day after Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Emergencies are the exceptions.
- Villages may have noise rules for morning start times and other construction times, but they cannot exceed the established BWMA guidelines.