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Hi Timothy,

After a quick read through of the proposed Architectural Guidelines I have come up with a few ideas. Let me start by saying I am an Original Home owner and agree that there are some very obvious things that need to get back on track in the neighborhood. For the most part all everyone wants is for the neighborhood to have great resale values and be a happy, charming and desirable community for everyone to live in.

The Guidelines as written are so specific and so governing that I feel would DEFINITELY DETER POTENTIAL BUYERS FROM WANTING TO EVEN GET INVOLVED IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, PERIOD. There has to be a fine line between tasteful suggestions and down right total control with the board. There is a bit of a nit picky obsessiveness with the current version from what I read. I can't speak for everyone but I find it very beautiful and diverse in established neighborhoods (like Bethesda and Kensington for example), when there is not a cookie cutter "Levittown" look. Where the homes are all unique and display the individual homeowners artistic differences.

The idea that current owners would be required to change perfectly adequate architectural changes already made just to satisfy a ridiculous amount of conformity is not acceptable. I think that as long as it is deemed in good taste and a material or product that reflects the high quality of the home a homeowner has the right to make a change. For example I have Beautiful double doors on my Alfandre home. They unfortunately came about out of an experience we had several years ago when a car drove into the front of our house. In the new rules they would not be permitted. They are indeed much superior to the boring ones that Alfandre put on all the homes and make my home have a standout entrance.

Some of the over the top ridiculous things in the proposed guidelines in my opinion: Does it really matter if the garage doors get cut off with the arch of the opening.....Discussion of control over the inside coverings, REALLY??.....Shutter control, Material control of patios, entrances, walkways.....mailboxes.....requiring full grass fronts, approval on practically everything for a board that is going to be miserable trying to get all those Approvals done. It will be like "I cannot do my home improvement project this weekend" EVERY WEEKEND because of the constant need for an "OK" on everything. Please we are all adults treat us like we are and lets try to make this all less complicated and keep Washingtonian Woods a "HAPPY PLACE TO LIVE".

Remember not everyone in this world or neighborhood is "Independently Wealthy", we all have gone through good times and RECESSIONS and have survived but everyone has a budget and not everyone will be able to afford the requirements and a fine of \$1,000 is over the top out of control.

Thanks for your time and consideration with everyone's concerns and I hope to see this Architectural Guideline Version" back to the drawing board" for some essential revisions.

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