Fences, Walls, and Decks/Balconies

Walls: Brick walls must be approved by the city and the written approval from the city must be submitted to the ARC for further approval. See Landscaping and Gardens Section for low retaining walls.

Fences: Fences are only permitted in the rear of a home. Whether replacing or constructing a new fence, members must submit an application to the Covenant’s Administrator for project approval. Applications that involve new fence construction or design modifications will be forwarded to the ARC for approval. Applications should include the following:

- Plat/site survey showing the size of the fence, relationship of the fence to the residence, lot, and adjacent properties.
- A copy of the City of Alexandria’s approved permit for brick wall applications.
- A description of utilized materials, proposed color/stain, and any design/photographs to complement the description.
- Dimensions of railings, posts, gates, and any other details.

When replacing or building a new fence that is not brick, homeowners may use natural wood or alternate building/construction materials such as composite. Wood fences will be stained, sealed, or “painted” with a solid “deck cover” material (NOTE: regular paint is prohibited). As of October 27, 2015, the preapproved fence stains/colors (wood or composite) for Cameron Station fences must follow a natural palette of wood colors and be in accordance with approved sample colors on a “color wheel” located in the management office. Residents currently utilizing previously approved DMS fence colors (i.e., curry, natural, etc.) are not required to change their fence color until its next coating. Residents desiring to maintain previously approved colors must seek ARC approval prior to recoating their fence. Colors/stains in the green/blue/black/purple family of colors are prohibited. If a property contains both a fence and a deck, the colors of said structures are required to match.

Decks: Whether replacing or constructing a new deck, members must submit an application to the Covenant’s Administrator for project approval. Applications that involve new deck construction or design modifications will be forwarded to the ARC for approval. Applications should include the following:

- Plat/site survey showing the size of the deck, relationship of the deck to the residence, lot, and adjacent properties.
- A copy of the City of Alexandria’s approved permit for new deck construction.
- A description of utilized materials, proposed color/stain, and any design/photographs to complement the description.
- Dimensions of railings, posts, steps, benches, and any other details.
When replacing or building a new deck, homeowners may use natural wood or alternate building/construction materials such as composite. Wood decks will be stained, sealed, or “painted” with a solid “deck cover” material (NOTE: regular paint is prohibited). As of October 27, 2015, the preapproved deck stains/colors (wood or composite) for Cameron Station decks must follow a natural palette of wood colors and be in accordance with approved sample colors on a “color wheel” located in the management office. Residents currently utilizing previously approved DMS fence colors (i.e., curry, natural, etc.) are not required to change their fence color until its next coating. Residents desiring to maintain previously approved colors must seek ARC approval prior to recoating their fence. Colors/stains in the green/blue/black/purple family of colors are prohibited. If a property contains both a fence and a deck, the colors of said structures are required to match.

The following is a list of additional considerations when looking to construct or revise a deck or balcony.

- Only spiral staircases are approved to provide access from the deck to the ground level.
- Residents whose property backs the commercial property adjacent to the community may seek ARC approval to construct a privacy screen. Privacy screens are only allowed on the rear of decks, are to be no taller than four (4) feet from the railing, and must extend to each outside corner of the deck. The style and design must match that of any previously ARC approved and constructed screen. A list of approved privacy screen designs is attached as Appendix C.
- Privacy screens between adjacent decks or balconies are prohibited, unless installed by the builder as part of its original design.
- Decks and balconies will not be allowed on any home that does not have an existing exterior doorway that is designed for access to a deck or balcony.
- Homeowners are prohibited from removing their deck unless they first obtain the approval of the ARC.
- No decks or balconies shall encroach into open space above an emergency vehicle easement.