



RULES & REGULATIONS

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I. INTRODUCTION

Purpose & Authority

The responsibility and authority "to make and enforce reasonable Rules and Regulations (R&R's) governing the use of the property, including the Lots and Common Property" is given to the Board of Directors (BOD) by The Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and

Restrictions (CCR's) of the Walnut Mountain Property Owners Association (WMPOA). (See Section 6, (a) of the CCR's).

In accordance with that responsibility the following revised and updated Rules and Regulations Document was adopted by the Board of Directors on November 8, 2022 and is the definitive governing document of record regarding these Rules and Regulations.

The term "Property Owners in good standing" is used throughout this document and applies to the title holder of record of a Walnut Mountain (WM) lot, current in all assessments (including water) and has not otherwise had membership privileges suspended for violation of the Rules and Regulations.

In accordance with the WMPOA CCR's and Bylaws Article V, Section II, regulating infractions or violations of any of the R&R's, WM will submit notice to the Property Owner if infractions occur with associated steps for remediation included.

It is understood that the use of WM Common Property and Green Spaces including, but not limited to, Lakes, Streams, Trails, and Recreational areas and facilities, by Property Owners, their family, and/or guests or property renters, is at their own risk.

Previous versions of this document (per the revision date in the document footer) are no longer valid and should be discarded. Future revisions and replacements of this document will be noted on the cover page and in the footer with the month and year of the BOD approved document.

II. ACCESS RULES

NOTE to Property Owners: Access to WM is either via a gate pass, an access code, or through the Welcome Station. WM is a gated community and not a secure community (See Section 16, (a) of the CCR's). It is the responsibility of the Property Owners to help keep it as secure as possible. Do not confront anyone; call 911 to report violations or suspicious activity.

A. Access rules for Property Owners

1. Property Owners must purchase a pass at the WM Administrative Office in order to have 24-hour access to their property by automobile and must arrange with the Administrative Office for purchase of a pass for long-term tenants. Landlords are responsible for the collection of passes at the termination of the lease and for notifying the WM Office that the lease has been terminated. Property Owners are responsible for returning all passes to the office when their property is sold in order to receive a refund of the current assessed value of the pass.

2. Property Owners with passes installed on their vehicles may proceed directly to gates which will automatically open.
3. **Property Owners' phone numbers and/or their tenant's** numbers can be programmed into the call boxes. A cell phone or land line phone may be used. Property Owners are encouraged to give visitors their 3-digit access code so the call box can be used to notify the owner of their guest's arrival. This will enable the Property Owner to open the gate by pushing "9" on his/her telephone.
4. **All Contractors or Sub-Contractors must stop at the Welcome Station** and register their presence on the mountain before entering any gate. The Property Owner is responsible for arranging access for all parties involved in construction or maintenance on their property, i.e., Contractors, Sub-Contractors, and supply deliveries. Contractor hours are 8:00 am to 7pm Monday through Friday; and 8am to 6pm Saturday. Contractors, Sub-Contractors, and their employees are not permitted to work on Sundays or holidays. The only exception is for inside cleaning services on Sundays. No outside cleaning on Sundays. All Emergency and Medical Service are also allowed on Sunday.
5. Property Owners must notify the WM Office as soon as possible if a pass is lost or stolen so that the pass can be deactivated. Cost for lost pass replacements will be based on the current market rate for purchase of the passes.
6. Property Owners are responsible for all fines incurred by and all damage to WMPOA property caused by visitors, tenants, short term renters, or anyone holding leased passes.
7. It is the responsibility of the Property Owner to make prior arrangements with the Welcome Station for allowing visitors, including commercial vehicles, to gain entrance to the mountain.
8. Property Owners are responsible for reporting to the Office any change of phone numbers so that their call box entry can be updated.
9. FEDEX, UPS, etc., should deliver directly to the Property Owner's home. The Welcome Station will only accept packages for homeowners who have filled out a form at the Welcome Station, relieving WM of all liability.
10. To report a criminal or illegal act, **911** should be called directly.
11. Any person caught destroying or removing the automatic gate system, or any portion thereof, will be subject to prosecution by WMPOA to the fullest extent of the law.

12. No one is allowed to intentionally permit access to WM of unknown or unidentified people or vehicles. This included going around someone while they are using the call box.

B. Access rules for Short Term Renters/Guests (When Owner Not Present at Property)

1. Owner/Agent will inform the Welcome Center or Office of the name and number of guest renters. Owner/Agent will provide the renters with detailed directions from the WM gates to the rental property.
2. The Owner/Agent is responsible for providing a means of entry at the rental property for guests (key in lockbox, digital keypad, etc.). Keys are not to be left at the Welcome Center or the WM Library.
3. If the guest renter arrives when the Welcome Center is open, they must check in there before proceeding to the cabin. Welcome Center hours are M - Thursday 7:30 am – 4:00 pm, Fri – Sat 7:30 am – 12:00 am and Sun 11:00 am – 7:00 pm.
4. If the guest renter arrives when the Welcome Center is closed, they must use the call box to call the owner/agent to gain access. Owner/Agent is responsible for providing WM with a telephone number to be programmed into the gate system that will be monitored for arriving guests 24 hours, 7 days per week.
5. It is up to the owner/agent to provide the guest renter with gate passes and pool passes. If a gate pass or pool pass is lost, the owner/agent should immediately notify the WM Office to have the pass(es) deactivated. There will be a charge of the fair market rate if a gate pass is deactivated and reissued. There will be a charge of \$7.50 if a pool pass is deactivated and reissued.
6. Property Owners are responsible for all fines incurred by and all damage to WMPOA property caused by short- & long-term renters.

III. BULLETIN BOARD RULES

Two bulletin boards are located adjacent to the mail kiosk to be utilized by Walnut Mountain property owners, Walnut Mountain Administration, and for Walnut Mountain events.

- A. The bulletin board on the left is designated as the administration and events board and will be used for WM business only.

A. The bulletin board on the right is designated for use by WM property owners. Items on this board are subject to the following regulations:

1. Items should be no larger than 8.5 inches by 11 inches.
2. Only WM property owner business cards are permitted for display. The owner's lot number must be printed in the lower right-hand corner of the card.
3. All items other than business cards, such as houses and other items for sale, should be dated and will be removed after one month.
4. Violation of the above regulations will be grounds for immediate removal of the posting.

IV. CAMPGROUND / PICNIC AREA RULES

These rules and regulations apply to the camping area adjacent to the mail kiosk and to the picnic area on the west side of Turniptown road adjacent to Gate 1.

- A. Open burning is forbidden in both areas. Grill stands are provided in both areas and must be completely extinguished after use and before leaving the area.
- B. The picnic area (identified by location as above) is for day-use only and not for overnight parking or camping.
- C. Camping is only allowed in the designated campground area.
- D. All Property Owners in good standing and their registered guests are entitled to use the campground. Reservations, from Property Owners or guests, are accepted and require a deposit and a fee as described on the reservation form.
- E. Upon guest arrival, the WM property owner must register all guests with WM staff at the Welcome Station. A copy of the WM Rules and Regulations pertinent sections (Section IV, Section VIII, and Section IX) must be given to registered guests. The gate and restrooms will be unlocked for the duration of a registered camper's stay.
- F. If the campground is unoccupied, the campground restrooms will be locked, and the campground entrance gate will be open on the same schedule as the Welcome Station. The campground will be accessible to all property owners after hours by way of foot traffic.

V. CLUBHOUSE RULES

The Clubhouse is one of the amenities available to WM Property Owners. Since WM staff is not on site throughout every day, the Clubhouse is kept locked when not being used by authorized persons for security reasons.

The Clubhouse is available for WMPOA functions and for the personal use of Property Owners in good standing with prior reservations. Priority for Clubhouse reservations is given to official WMPOA functions, including BOD meetings, committee meetings, holiday parties, etc.

A. Clubhouse Use Rules

1. Association sanctioned meetings, such as committees or other association related meetings should be coordinated and placed on the Events Calendar kept in the Administrative Office in order to avoid scheduling conflicts. These events should be scheduled, along with key pickup and return, as far in advance as possible. The Clubhouse calendar will be posted in the WM Office and on the WM website.
2. The Key/Security Code Release Form will be completed by the Property Owner responsible for the Clubhouse event when the key and security code is received.
3. Access to the Clubhouse is limited to the attendees of the approved function; parking areas available for the event will be designated in the Rental Agreement.

B. Clubhouse Rental Rules

1. Reservations for personal use are subject to Clubhouse availability and the approval of the Events Coordinator or another WMPOA Board Authorized Representative.
2. A Clubhouse Reservation Application/Rental Agreement Form (available in the WM Office) must be personally submitted to the WM Office. Reservations will not be accepted more than three (3) months prior to any event except for weddings, wedding receptions, and family reunions. These events may be booked up to one (1) year in advance of the function.
3. Rental fees and security deposits, as specified on the Clubhouse Reservation/Rental Agreement Form, are due in full upon approval of the Application. The Rental Agreement is not valid until the required fees and deposits are paid.
4. Details and conditions for Clubhouse usage, including key pickup and return, access to kitchen facilities, sound equipment, etc. will be specified in the Rental Agreement, and may vary based on the function.

5. The Key/Security Code Release Form will be completed by the Property Owner responsible for the Clubhouse event when the key and security code are received.
6. Immediately prior to the function, an inspection of the Clubhouse will be made by a WM Board Representative along with the renter. The Inspection Form will be signed by both parties agreeing to the condition of the facility.
7. An inspection of the Clubhouse will be made within 48 hours of completion of the function to determine the condition of the facility. Refund of all or part of the security deposit will be made based on the conditions set forth in the Rental Agreement.
8. Access requirements concerning Non-Property Owners (i.e., caterers, invitees, guests etc.) are outlined in the Rental Agreement, including arrangements for after-hours access, caterer and guest list requirements, and applicable fees and restrictions.
9. Clubhouse rental does not include access to or use of the other amenities on WM Property including the swimming pool, tennis courts, and lakes.
10. It is the responsibility of the renter to inform all attendees of the conditions of the Rental Agreement and of the rules governing Clubhouse functions.

VI. TENNIS COURT RULES

- A. Tennis Courts are always open and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Courts must be relinquished within 90 minutes to other parties waiting to play. No reservations are required.
- B. The tennis courts are to be used for playing tennis and pickleball only. No bicycles, skateboards, roller skates, hover boards, etc. are permitted on the tennis courts.
- C. Only tennis shoes are allowed on the court surface.
- D. Do not throw rocks or other foreign objects on the court surface. If objects are found on the surface, please remove them prior to play.
- E. No Dogs are allowed on the Tennis Court.

VII. SWIMMING POOL RULES

The WM Swimming Pool is available for the use of Property Owners in good standing, their families, their on-property guests, and/or their property renters. It is understood that swimming in the WM Pool is at the swimmer's own risk.

A valid WM pool pass is necessary to gain admittance to the pool. The pass is swiped through the card reader located beside the pool gate in order to open the pool entrance gate. Pool passes are issued by the WMPOA Office upon request from the property owner and will be available within 2 weeks of the request. The property owner is responsible for securing passes for their property renters.

- A. Property owners are responsible for their families, guests, and property renter's activities, conduct, and any misuse of WM property.
- B. The pool attendant or any other WMPOA BOD designated individual shall have the authority to enforce all rules applicable to the use of the pool and its surrounding areas.
- C. No one under the age of 14 is permitted to use the pool unless under the direct supervision of an adult. Children under 14 must always have a responsible adult present and must leave the pool area if the responsible adult leaves.
- D. Children up to age three and any incontinent persons must wear a swim diaper.
- E. Personal equipment hazardous to others is not permitted in the pool or picnic area. Examples include, but are not limited to, bicycles, skateboards, roller skates, and hover boards.
- F. Running, pushing, or rough play is not permitted in the pool, on the pool deck, or anywhere within the chain link fence.
- G. The following items are not permitted in the fenced area around the pool: food, pets, tobacco products, glass containers or any other breakable items.
- H. Furniture and equipment are not to be removed from the pool area.
- I. Litter must be disposed of in the provided trash containers.
- J. Proper swim attire is required. Cutoff jeans are not permitted in the pool.

- K. Persons with skin rashes, open sores, wounds, and bandages are not permitted in the pool.
- L. The pool is always available for property owners to use during the scheduled open hours; therefore, the pool cannot be reserved except when deemed necessary by the WMPOA BOD for a WMPOA event.
- M. Any property owner having guests utilizing the pool is limited to a maximum of 10 individuals at any one time including the property owner.
- N. Property owners wishing to have parties in excess of 10 guests must:
 - 1. Make their request to the WMPOA Administrative Office at least one week in advance by completing and submitting the required form with any applicable fees.
 - 2. Restrict parties to weekdays (Monday through Friday).
 - 3. Be responsible for any costs for damage, repair, or cleaning.
- O. Law enforcement will be notified for any behavior believed to be illegal in nature.
- P. The pool hours are posted at the pool. The pool opening and closing dates will be announced to the community annually and are subject to change due to weather conditions or necessary maintenance.

VIII. SAFETY RULES AND REGULATIONS

A. House Numbers

All homes are required to have a reflective "911" house number displayed that is clearly visible from the road. Reflective display of the lot number is recommended.

B. Lakes, Streams, and Trails

- 1. For safety reasons **no swimming is allowed** in any lakes or streams.
- 2. Gasoline powered motors are not allowed on any of the lakes.
- 3. One Coast Guard approved personal flotation device for each passenger must be on board any watercraft used on any lake. Children under 12 must always wear a flotation device while on the watercraft.
- 4. Lakes on WM are common property and are shown as such within the established WM green spaces on the WMPOA community map. The green space varies in size around each lake. WMPOA has access to each lake's edge. In no event will such

access be less than 12 feet from the lake edge. Property owners with lots that abut any lake may not build a private dock as the lakes, or alter the landscape as the property around them, belong to WMPOA.

5. Structures around or on all WM lakes, such as docks, must be approved by the WMPOA BOD and the ACC and must meet current code expectations (i.e., flotation docks not wooden docks) and will be maintained by WM staff. Wooden docks in disrepair will be removed by WM staff for safety reasons. There will be no replacement unless approved as aforementioned. WM marked trails are for walking and hiking only. At no time are all terrain vehicles (ATVs), bicycles, or other forms of motorized transportation permitted on the trails.

C. Fireworks / Firearms / Hunting

1. Fireworks may not be set off within the limits of WM.
2. The display or discharge of firearms on WM property is prohibited; provided that the display of firearms while transporting such firearms across the common property to or from the owner's lot is allowed and is the only exception to this rule. No hunting or discharging of firearms, bows, or crossbows is allowed within the WM Development. The term "firearms" includes firearms of all types regardless of size. Notwithstanding this provision per CCR Section B, Number 7.E.; "BB guns and pellet guns may be fired on a property owners' lot".
3. Hunting is not allowed anywhere on Walnut Mountain.

D. Vehicle Operation and Parking

1. No person shall operate any vehicle in a careless, negligent, or reckless manner that endangers any person, property, or environmental feature. The following rules apply to the operation of all vehicles including ATVs and other recreational vehicles:
 - The speed limit on Walnut Mountain is posted as 20 MPH and is to be strictly observed.
 - Always keep to the right of roadway.
 - **All operators must be at least 16 years of age.**
 - Operators must always have a valid driver's license.
 - No overnight parking is permitted on Walnut Mountain easement (6 feet from road)
 - No overnight parking is allowed in the common areas except during weather emergencies.
 - Blocking any Walnut Mountain road is not permitted.

- **Vehicles traveling downhill must yield to those traveling uphill on all WM roads.**
 - All Vehicles must be parked 6' from the road unless approved by the WMPOA.
2. Parked construction equipment should not impede traffic during daylight working hours. Construction equipment may not be parked on the road or shoulder of perimeter roads except during approved hours.

E. Fires

No open burning is permitted anywhere on Walnut Mountain.

1. Guidelines for outdoor recreational fires:

- **The daily Fire Condition status as indicated on the sign across from the WM Welcome Station must be Moderate or Lower.**
- The fire should be always attended.
- There should be an immediately available means and the appropriate ability to completely extinguish the fire.
- There shall be always a water hose or fire extinguisher within 15' from the fire pit.
- The fire should be in a firepit, fireplace, chimeneas or other structure/device intended or the use of outdoor fire burning that has been approved by the ACC.

2. Outdoor cooking

Outdoor cooking on a grill designed for the sole purpose of cooking food does not constitute an outdoor recreational fire and is permitted on all lots in WM.

3. Violations

Violation of any of the above rules as specified in Section VIII, E. of this document will result in fees see fee/fine schedule.

F. Pets

1. No Owner or Occupant may keep any pets, other than a reasonable number of generally recognized domestic household pets, on any portion of the Property, as determined in the boards discretion. No owner or Occupant may keep, breed or maintain any pet for any commercial purpose. Dogs may not be left unattended. No structure for the care, housing, or confinement of any pet shall be constructed or maintained on any part of the property without prior written Board approval as provided in Paragraph 10 hereof. Dogs must be kept on a leash or be always under

the physical control of a responsible person while outdoors on WMPOA common areas.

2. Official Code of Georgia Annotated – Sec. 14-48 – No person or household shall own, possess, harbor or keep more than 10 domesticated animals.
3. Sec. 14-32 – Animals disturbing the peace. It is unlawful for any person to allow any animal in his possession or control to bark, howl, or make noise common to their species or otherwise to disturb the peace and quiet of the surrounding neighborhood persistently or continuously.
4. Sec-14-35 – Animals Clean up requirements – must clean up excrement on public or private property.
5. All Pets must be kept on a leash or be under the physical control of a responsible person at all times while outdoors.

IX. DISPOSAL RULES

A. Rubbish, Trash and Garbage

1. All rubbish, trash, brush, and garbage shall be regularly removed from the lot and not be allowed to accumulate.
2. No garbage, trash or brush shall be placed on the common property, for any reason, temporarily or otherwise.
3. Containers for garbage and other refuse must be kept indoors until taken directly to a dumpster. This is to curtail access to garbage by bears and other wildlife. The property owner is responsible for cleanup and/or damage to property caused by negligent handling of refuse.

B. Dumpster Rules

1. Dumpsters are provided solely for the use of Walnut Mountain property owners. Refuse brought onto WM property from outside the community cannot be disposed of in the WM dumpsters. No contractors are allowed to use the dumpsters. No trash should be left at the Mail Kiosk or the Welcome Center.
2. Rubbish, trash and garbage placed in dumpsters shall be contained in plastic or paper trash bags. Boxes cannot be used as a substitute.
3. All cardboard boxes must be broken down.

4. Aluminum cans, glass and plastics may be placed in the collection boxes next to the dumpsters for recycling.

C. Gilmer County Landfill

The following items must be taken to the County landfill, and may not be placed in the Walnut Mountain dumpsters:

1. Boxes containing trash, rubbish, or garbage.
2. Furniture items such as mattresses, recliners, tables, cabinets, TV's, ladders, chairs, sofas, lamps, microwave ovens, etc.
3. Items such as building materials, gutters, sinks, lumber, pipes, satellite dish posts, inner tubes, carpet, carpet backing, etc.

D. Hazardous Waste

Hazardous waste must not be disposed of in WM dumpsters or anywhere on the WM property. Hazardous material includes, but is not limited to, concrete, paint, inner tubes, and tires.

X. CAMPER/BOAT/TRAILER STORAGE AREA RULES

A. The parking/storage area, which is located adjacent to the WM Office Building, is for large vehicles such as motor homes, campers, boats on trailers and utility trailers. Registration is made at the WM Office by completing the applicable form and paying the required annual fee. WM is not liable for any damage to, or theft of items stored in this facility.

B. The parking/storage area is only available to property owners in good standing. Friends or relatives of property owners may not use the storage area. Automobiles cannot be stored in this area.

C. Each vehicle must be registered with the WMPOA office and must be re-registered on an annual basis coinciding with the vehicle registration. Any vehicle not registered with the WMPOA office or that does not have a current, valid license will be towed at the owner's expense. All vehicles must be in operational condition.

D. In order to more fully utilize the limited number of storage/parking spaces in the storage area, priority shall be given to full-time WMPOA residents.

XI. ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Overview

WM is an architecturally controlled community, established to protect and preserve the beauty and integrity of the environmental and property values of the WM community. This is achieved by establishing architectural standards for consistent development and maintaining aesthetic harmony and compatibility among the homes on the mountain.

Purpose & Authority

The Architectural Control Committee (ACC) is a standing committee provided for in the WM CCR's and Bylaws and is charged with assisting in establishing and maintaining architectural standards for WM. The ACC is granted the authority to enforce WM rules and regulations, issue "Stop Work" orders for violations, and use other means to ensure compliance with the WMPOA CCR's and Rules.

The WMPOA also has the authority to correct violations and assess the cost of such corrections to the Property Owner.

The members of the ACC are designated by the WM BOD and oversee new home construction, existing home maintenance, property maintenance, and tree trimming, and removal as described below.

Compliance

Property owners and contractors working on WM are legally obligated to comply with the WMPOA CCR's, Bylaws and all R&R's. Property owners are responsible for ensuring that contractors, family members, guests, friends, and renters maintain compliance at all times.

NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION AND EXISTING HOME CHANGES/MODIFICATIONS

A. Pre-Approval

1. The WM CCR's require that any changes affecting a home's exterior or lot must have prior written approval of the ACC. Forms may be obtained at the WM Administration Office or online at www.walnutmtnga.com.

The ACC will strive to review requests within 15 working days following the receipt of the application; provided, however, that the Declaration allows the ACC 45 days to review each item and in some cases the ACC may need to use the full 45 days.. Items requiring approval include but are not limited to:

- Additions of rooms, decks, carports, sheds, patios, garages, etc.
- Paving, gravel, asphalt, or any concrete work
- Installation of fences, ponds, fountains, retaining walls, walkways etc.
- Outside fireplaces and fire pits, including those that are propane fueled.
- Installation of exterior flood or security lights (approval of affected neighbors is also required)
- Regrading, any significant landscaping changes, and any tree cutting or trimming
- Exterior painting, roof replacement, and changes to any outdoor structures.
- Major landscaping project such as but not limited to grading, planting border trees and shrubs, large gardens, hardscaping (rocks, stones)
- Approval IS NOT REQUIRED for normal seasonal planting, shrub replacement, shrub pruning, deck staining same stain as existing, minor repairs to deck boards, siding, touch up spot paint on exterior.

2. In addition to written submission of the appropriate ACC request form, any surveys, drawings, or documents, which may be helpful to the ACC should also be provided. The Property Owner is responsible for identifying and marking the property boundaries so that compliance can be verified for set-back requirements, as needed. Building permits must be submitted with the ACC application. Some of the items that require building permits are new driveways, decks, additions, retaining walls 4 ft or more, some sheds.

3. Builders must be approved by the ACC for every project. Builders of new homes are required to agree to all portions of the Builder's package. A Builder may be denied approval after three written violations of the WMPOA Rules and Regulations.

4. New homes and existing home additions are subject to Builders Bond. (available at the management office)

B. Construction Time Frame

WM CCR's state that new home construction must be completed within 12 months from the date the construction is approved. For modification to any existing structure the time frame is 6 months from the date the construction is approved. Extension of any time limits must be requested in writing by the Property Owner and approved by the ACC or BOD.

C. Water Impact Fee

The Water Impact Fee and the currently approved Fee for Meter Installation must be paid upon approval of construction. Water meter hook - up must be scheduled a week in advance and a prorated Water Assessment Fee must be paid. The Fee Schedule may be obtained from the Administration Office.

D. Setbacks

Proper setbacks from pins are 15 feet from the sideline of any lot, 40 feet from the rear line of any lot and 25 feet from the front line of any lot (the front line of a lot shall be deemed to be the lot line which is contiguous to a street or road). These must be checked prior to any tree removal or foundation digging. There is a 6-foot easement between the road and the front lot line for water lines and culverts.

E. Variances

All setback variance requests must first be submitted in writing to the ACC and then to the WM BOD for approval; in addition, approval from the County must be requested after WM BOD's approval.

All requests must be submitted in writing to the ACC. The BOD will then consider these requests and notify the Property Owner of the decision.

F. Construction Plans

Construction plans must include floor plans, elevations, roof and exterior finishing materials and color of siding and trim. The house must consist of finished living space with heat and A/C above grade. Mobile homes, and "tiny homes" (homes that are less than 1250 square feet of finished living space with heat and A/C above grade) are not permitted on WM. Garages are permitted with the proper setback provided that are constructed of similar materials as the home.

The house and driveway should be staked and shown on the plat/survey. Building colors shall be woodsy, earth tone finishes. No vinyl or metal exterior siding or lattice will be permitted. Retaining walls should be installed for erosion control as needed.

G. Equipment

No track equipment is permitted on WM paved roads. All track equipment, i.e., dozers and loaders, must be hauled to the job site. Concrete trucks shall be loaded to a maximum of seven cubic yards to minimize spillage and/or damage to the roads. Any spills or road damages are the responsibility of the Builder and the Builder must have it cleaned up or repaired. Concrete trucks must clean their chutes only on the

construction site. It is the Builder's responsibility to ensure that the area where the concrete truck is washed out is cleaned up.

H. Ground Disturbance

The WM Property Manager must be contacted to locate existing water lines prior to disturbing the ground on any lot to help prevent any damage or breakage of the water lines. Any breakage of water lines or power lines due to construction will result in a damage fee that will be assessed to the lot Owner and/or Builder.

I. Silt Fence

Installation of a silt fence is required prior to any construction or landscaping that involves delivery or disturbance of significant amounts of dirt. When work is performed around a wetland or lake area, two silt fences are required for stabilization. The silt fence must remain in place and be maintained until the ground is stabilized, which is approximately six months to one year.

J. Culverts and Driveways

Culverts must be a minimum size of 15 inches in diameter and galvanized, or the installation of a swale will be sized and installed after review and approval by the ACC and the Property Manager. Culverts must be kept clean of dirt and leaves that will prevent proper water flow.

Property Owners must ensure that no dirt or gravel is diverted onto neighboring lots or common grounds. Any driveway with an elevation upgrade of 12% or more from the street must have a concrete or asphalt apron which will help prevent the gravel from washing into the roadway.

K. Water Flow and Drainage Control

To the degree possible, the natural channels of runoff should be maintained. French drains, ditches, culverts, curbs, or swale diverters should be utilized to divert runoff to its natural channel. Water runoff cannot be directed onto neighboring property. Prior to requesting approval of construction plans, the following steps should be taken:

1. Inspect the existing drainage conditions.
2. Determine the existing flow of water over the area to be improved.
3. Assess the effect of planned changes on the existing water flow; and 4. Determine a plan to return water flow (as much as possible) to the normal pattern.

All water flow and drainage changes are to be overseen by the Property Manager.

L. Tree Removal for New Homes

Only the trees within the footprint of the house, driveway and drain field may be removed as approved by the ACC in writing. Any other tree disturbance may result in penalties. See Fine Schedule

M. Sanitation

During the construction period, a “port-a-potty” must be provided on the job site for all construction personnel and must be located away from the mountain’s roadway. Provisions must be made to keep the “port-a-potty” from falling over due to high winds.

N. Site Maintenance

Property Owners must ensure that all trash is cleared and that the lot is properly maintained during construction. Building material remnants must be trucked off the site no less than every other Friday during the construction process. All building materials are to be placed as inconspicuously as possible on the building site. It is the Builder’s responsibility to see that the roadway and adjacent lots are cleared of any debris daily before leaving the job site. No debris or scrap materials may be buried under ground or used as backfill.

O. Burning

Open fires are prohibited in section VIII, paragraph E of the rules and regulations. Any burning would be governed by those requirements.

P. Access Control

During the construction period, a list of approved Contractors requiring admittance must be submitted with the Builder’s Packet. A copy of this list will be forwarded to the attendants at the Welcome Station. No one will be admitted unless previously authorized. Construction personnel, construction vehicles and delivery of materials are only allowed between the approved hours and days of 8:00 am to 7pm Monday through Friday, and Saturdays 8am to 6pm. **NO** work is permitted on Sundays or holidays.

All construction personnel are required to sign in daily on the work log at the Welcome Station, indicating name, company name or self-employed, and address of work site. The Welcome Station Attendant will record the date, time of entrance, and the tag number of the vehicle. All construction personnel must use the most direct route to the

work site. The speed limits on WM are posted as 20 MPH and must be observed for everyone's safety. All vehicles must keep to the right of the roadway at all times and yield to vehicles coming uphill.

Q. Limitations

Construction personnel are not permitted to use any of the WM amenities, such as the swimming pool, lakes, tennis courts, etc. Any worker violating this rule will be denied access to WM. Per WM CCR's, "No hunting or discharging of firearms, bows, cross bows, pellet or air guns is allowed within the WM Development". No one is allowed to remove plants from any area of the WM common property.

R. Propane Tanks

Property Owners must enclose tanks with material that is consistent with the home and helps reduce the visual impact of the tank from the road or from a neighbor's home. Evergreens may be used as long as they hide the tank at the time of planting. Lattice is not permitted to be used to conceal tanks.

S. Fences

All fencing must be approved by the ACC regarding location, appearance, and materials. Deer netting may be installed if it is a dark color, consists of only a single layer, and is neatly installed entirely on the owner's property. Stakes should be made as inconspicuous as possible. Chain link fencing and lattice is never allowed. Property lines and fence lines must be clearly marked before approval.

T. Signs and Flags

All homes are required to have a reflective "911" address displayed; and reflective display of the lot number is recommended. The 911 address must be clearly visible from the road.

Signs are not permitted on Walnut Property. Signs required by legal proceedings may be attached to the property. The American flag, seasonal flags and one sports team flag no larger than 3 ft x 5 ft is permitted. No other flags or signs are allowed except such as have been approved in writing by the ACC upon application of the owner.

U. Appeals

Any decision by the ACC may be appealed to the ACC with justification for the appeal. If denied, the decision may be appealed in writing to the Board of Directors, within 30 days of notice and with complete documentation of the denied request.

V. Amendments

The ACC may alter, amend, or repeal the standards subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

W. Bonds

1. Upon execution of the WM Builder's Compliance Bond Agreement, the Property Owner/Contractor shall post a cash bond in the amount indicated in the Bond Schedule. The purpose of such bond is to assure WMPOA of financial stability and payment for any damages or penalties arising from violation of the terms of this agreement.
2. Upon any violation of the terms of this Agreement, or the Gilmer County Building Development ordinances, Written Notice shall be provided and/or posted conspicuously on the premises. Phone contact will be attempted, but the violation period starts from the time of posting. In the event that the violation has not been rectified within 24 hours of the posting for silt fence and within 48 hours of posting for other violations, then the ACC shall have the right to take such action as necessary to correct the violation at the expense of the Owner.
3. The ACC reserves the right to enter onto the property for the assessment of corrective measures. The direct and indirect cost of these measures will be deducted from the bond as determined by the ACC and the Fee Schedule. Any amount which exceeds the bond shall be the responsibility of the lot owner and/or Builder. In addition to the cost of these corrective measures taken by the ACC, a daily penalty will be assessed against the bond for each day after expiration of the 24- and 48-hour periods during which the violations continue.
4. Upon completion of construction, the bond amount or remainder will be returned to the Builder. Any deficiency or additional liability to the WMPOA, according to the terms of this provision, shall create a lien against the property and may be enforced the same as other assessments by the WMPOA.
5. Upon notification to the Builder/Property Owner in violation of this agreement, the ACC reserves the right to deny access to the building site to all Contractors, Sub-Contractors, Vendors, Workers, etc., until the violation is corrected and accepted by a Representative of the ACC.
6. All Contractors must comply with the CCR's Item 10, Section A-K; and the current Rules & Regulations. The current Fee Schedule is available upon request from the Administrative Office. Contractors & property owners must execute the WM Builder's Compliance Agreement and have a signed copy on file in the WM Office.

X. Certificate of Occupancy

No occupancy of a dwelling is allowed until a Certificate of Occupancy is obtained from Gilmer County Building Department and the ACC has inspected and approved the structure.

EXISTING HOME MAINTENANCE

In accordance with WM standards, property owners are required to maintain houses, outside buildings, and lots as follows:

- A. Exterior surfaces of structures shall be maintained in good condition, be structurally sound, in good repair, and free of deterioration.
- B. No obvious litter or garbage.
- C. No outside storage of discarded appliances, large debris, or construction materials.
- D. If a structure on the property sustains significant damage, or is deteriorated in appearance, the property owner must make repairs promptly and must have the repair plans approved by the ACC. Samples of paint, wood stain and roofing material must be submitted to the ACC for approval prior to repairs.

WATER SERVICE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

- A. Property owners are responsible for the cost of any water leaks that occur on their side of the water meter, including cost of repairs, a reconnect fee and the cost of a water lost or used.
- B. If a property owner or their agent breaks a water line, regardless of on which side of the meter it occurs, the property owner will be charged for the cost of repairs as well as the cost of water lost or used.
- C. The WMPOA has the authority to disconnect the water supply to anyone who has not paid their water bill or when a leak is detected. If service is disconnected, the property owner will be charged a reconnect fee in addition to any water usage charges or fees owed to WMPOA.

TREE CUTTING RULES AND REGULATIONS

A Tree Trimming & Removal Form must be submitted by the property owner prior to any tree work being done. The most current form is available at the Administrative Office or

from the web site at www.walnutmtnga.com. All trees to be altered must be identified with brightly colored tape in such a manner as to be easily identified by the ACC. This can be accomplished by wrapping tape around the tree. Use ONE circle around the tree for pruning and TWO circles for removal. Contractors will mark trees for homeowners when asked to do so. If applying tape is impractical, a photo of the trees to be altered may be submitted. Trees to be altered must be clearly marked in the photo. Additionally, the property boundaries must be clearly marked. A survey may be required, at the owner's expense, to determine the property boundaries. Property owners must not disturb, cut, or trim any trees, or vegetation of any kind, on the common property on WM or easement surrounding lakes without prior BOD approval. Common property is defined as all real and personal property and easements and other interests therein, together with the facilities and improvements located thereon, now or hereafter owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the property owners.

The ACC will review the request and complete a site inspection, noting the trees and shrubs to be altered. The ACC requests the homeowner to be present during the inspection if possible. Upon completing this review, the ACC will submit its approval or denial to the homeowner via U.S. mail. A copy of all approved requests will be given to the Welcome Center staff. Tree service personnel will not be allowed to enter WM without an approved tree trimming and removal form on file at the Welcome Center.

It is the property owners' responsibility to direct and manage the tree trimming service. The tree trimming service is only allowed to trim, cut, or remove trees in accordance with the approved request. The property owner will be subject to a fine per tree for cutting, trimming, or removing any trees or shrubs that have not been approved by the ACC. Fines will be doubled for any tree or shrub removed from Walnut Mountain Property, Easement or Green Belt area. See fine schedule.

Upon completion of the tree work, the property owner must notify the ACC that the work has been completed. Upon receiving such notice, the ACC will conduct a final review of the property to ensure compliance with the ACC approval.

Native Appalachian flowering trees and shrubs are identified as dogwoods, native azaleas, mountain laurel and rhododendron. These are common on the mountain and, as much as possible, WMPOA will try to preserve them.

A. Tree trimming and removal that is permissible without ACC approval:

1. Any tree having a diameter of 4 inches or less (12.5 inches or less circumference) as measured 4 feet above the ground.
2. Any tree limb having a diameter of 3 inches or less as measured where the limb joins the tree trunk.

3. Any single diseased, dying or dead tree. ACC must be notified prior to removal and the homeowner is responsible for providing pictures and/or other proof of disease/death upon request.
4. Any tree limb that covers the home footprint or threatens the home, driveway, or parking area. ACC must be notified prior to removal and the homeowner is responsible for providing pictures and/or other proof upon request.
5. Removal of fallen or broken trees immediately following a storm. ACC must be notified prior to removal if possible but no later than 2 days. Homeowner is responsible for providing pictures and/or proof upon request.

B. Tree trimming and removal for a view:

Trimming, cutting, or removing trees for a view is permitted within WM after obtaining approval from the ACC. The approved method for opening up a view is to create a “window” within the forest. The “window” typically consists of an opening large enough to provide a view, but small enough so that much of the foliage remains. When pruning, the goal is to prune in such a way that upon completion the trees appear natural. Best practice is to remove no more than 1/3 of the leaf surface of any tree during pruning. As much as is practical, a top canopy of foliage shall partially cover the opened area. This can best be accomplished through a combination of side pruning and crown cleaning. Removing dead, dying, rubbing and structurally unsound limbs is the best start to opening the view. All trees that are approved for removal must be cut so that no part of the tree falls outside of the owner’s property lines.

The ACC will review each request for pruning or removal on an individual basis, and will determine the best, and most reasonable, plan for creating or maintaining a view without being detrimental to our forest. The ACC will use the following guidelines when making a determination:

1. In general, long range views will be limited to a maximum of 70° from the center of the desired view.
2. No trees or shrubs will be approved for trimming or removal within the 5’ setback on either side of the lot without neighbor’s approval.
3. Impact on our forest.
4. Impact of the view from a distance.
5. Impact of the view on neighboring properties.
6. Any maintenance of an existing view that was obtained with ACC approval.

C. Tree trimming and removal that will not be approved or verified by the ACC:

1. Clear cutting on any lot.
2. Topping of trees.

3. Trees on Walnut Mountains Common Area or Greenbelt

Fire Pits and Outdoor Burning Devices/Structures

Any fire pit, fireplace or other structure, container or device for outdoor burning must be approved in advance by the ACC and are restricted to the following:

- Chimeneas with an ember inhibiting screen in place.
- Outdoor fireplaces with an ember inhibiting screen in place.
- Approved outdoor liquid propane (LP) gas burning devices designed for the sole purpose of producing a flame and/or heat.
- Fire pits which are located on a flame proof surface and have an ember inhibiting screen in place at all times. All outdoor fire pit areas are subject to ACC approval.
- Wood burning fire pits must be at least 15 feet from all structures. LP firepits must be at least 5 feet from the building or roof.

The ACC will only approve fire pits, fireplaces or other structures, containers or devices for outdoor burning that are designed to burn the following fuel:

- Natural wood.
- Manufactured compressed wood logs.
- LP gas