

## **Frequently Asked Questions of the Country Ridge HOA**

- **Where can I find our bylaws and covenants?**

<http://www.countryridgemahomet.com/bylaws--covenants---meeting-minutes.html>

- **Where can I determine which phase of the neighborhood development my home was in to correspond with the covenants specific to that phase?**

From the Country Ridge website hover over the “About Us” heading and select “lot map by phase”.

- **Why isn't there a singular set of covenants?**

The covenants were set up at time of each phase being developed by the developer. While all covenants are largely consistent with one another there are some minor variations. Voting on a consolidated set of covenants going forward continues to be a goal of the HOA Board.

- **I have external improvements to my house or yard. Where do I submit plans and request approval?**

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- **What is the policy on street parking and parking of recreational vehicles?**

Per the covenants, all property owners or residents in the subdivision owning or possessing trucks, trailers, campers, boats, motorcycles and motor homes which they desire to park in the subdivision shall provide and use an enclosed garage for the storage of same when not in motion. We understand that campers, boats, etc. need to be staged and serviced for a trip and may need to be parked in a driveway temporarily. Please be considerate of our neighbors and limit parking outside of an enclosed garage or offsite storage to a short duration of time such as a weekend, etc.

- **What is the policy on signs in the yard?**

This has been discussed on our Facebook page recently and is an agenda item for our next HOA meeting. At this time the HOA does not intend to enforce covenants related to yard signs and are allowing them at this time. We ask that all neighbors to be considerate of one another and to refrain from displaying anything profane. Signs have not been an issue for many years, and we trust all neighbors will continue to use their best judgement.

- **I would like to put a pool in my yard. What is the policy?**

Pool requests, both above-ground and inground, must be submitted to the HOA Architectural Committee by email for review and approval. The approval will require an approved pool permit application with the Village of Mahomet. Above-Ground swimming pools shall be permitted only if completely enclosed by a fence that hides the visibility of the pool such as a wooden or vinyl fence not less than six (6) feet high with a lockable gate restricting access to the swimming pool. In-Ground pools require a fence, wall, or other effective permanent barrier of 42 inches (3.5 feet) or greater height per the Illinois Private Swimming Pool Enclosure Act. The Village of Mahomet has guidelines as well that coincide with their permitting.

- **Is the pond in Country Ridge available for everyone to use?**

The lots surrounding the retention pond at the center of our neighborhood make up the Country Ridge Lake Owner's Association (CRLOA) that owns and maintains the pond. As a side note, the pond to the South of Country Ridge Drive is part of the Sangamon Fields development and is not part of our neighborhood. With access being largely homeowners land leading up to the pond and the pond being owned by the CRLOA, access is restricted. However, many homeowners have shared that they are more than willing to allow families to fish, etc. if asked.

- **Do I need permission from the HOA to cut down a tree in my yard?**

No permission is needed for tree removal. Please use caution when felling a tree and consult a professional if possible, for your safety and the safety of neighboring properties.