Lake Shore on Lake Wylie

Architectural Review Committee Design Guidelines

Driveways/Parking Pads

General Considerations

The widening, extension or addition of driveways, turnarounds and parking pads shall be consistent with the overall image and character of the community. They should be located and designed to minimize their visual and acoustical impact on neighboring properties.

In general, the size of the driveway and related parking pad shall be appropriate for the size of the property on which it is located. It should be constructed on natural grade using a material that is consistent with other driveways and parking pads in the neighborhood.

Additions/alterations to existing driveways/parking pads must incorporate the same material, color and detailing as the original driveway/parking pad. Approval is not required for the replacement of an existing, approved driveway/parking pad.

Due to the proximity of units, the addition/alternation of driveways/parking pads will be reviewed on a case-by- case basis.

Specific Guidelines

- Design and location should minimize the removal of trees and other significant vegetation.
- Changes in grade or drainage pattern must not adversely affect adjoining properties.
- Generally, more than one driveway will not be approved on any one property.
- Driveways shall only connect to the street where curb cuts have been provided. A driveway or parking area in the rear yard is not permitted.
- Driveways and parking pads must be constructed of concrete, or other approved special paving.
- Landscaping may be required to compensate for the removal of vegetation and to screen the driveway/parking pad.

Submission Requirements

- A copy of the existing site plan showing the house, property lines and easements, existing driveways/parking pads, significant vegetation, fencing, accessory structures, and the location of the proposed driveway and/or parking pad
- Photographs showing the location of the proposed driveway/parking pad
- If grading is involved, a plan showing the change in grade, any retaining walls that will be required
- A description of the proposed paving materials
- A landscape plan showing proposed plantings, as applicable

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