

## ATTACHMENT 4

### CAROLINA CROSSING HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. RAINWATER HARVESTING SYSTEM POLICY

Terms used but not defined in this policy will have the meaning subscribed to such terms in that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Carolina Crossing Homeowners Association, Inc. recorded under document 14778 et seq., Official Public Records of Guadalupe County, Texas, as amended (the "Covenant").

Note: Texas statutes presently render null and void any restriction in the Covenant which prohibits the installation of rain barrels or a rainwater harvesting system on a residential lot. The Board and/or the architectural approval authority under the Covenant has adopted this policy in lieu of any express prohibition against rain barrels or rainwater harvesting systems, or any provision regulating such matters which conflict with Texas law, as set forth in the Covenant

#### **A. ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW APPROVAL REQUIRED.**

Approval by architectural review authority under the Covenant (the "ACC") is required prior to installing rain barrels or rainwater harvesting system on a residential lot (a "Rainwater Harvesting System"). The ACC is not responsible for: (i) errors in or omissions in the application submitted to the ACC for approval; (ii) supervising installation or construction to confirm compliance with an approved application; or (iii) the compliance of an approved application with governmental codes and ordinances, state and federal laws.

#### **B. RAINWATER HARVESTING SYSTEM PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS**

1. Approval Application. To obtain ACC approval of a Rainwater Harvesting System, the Owner shall provide the ACC with the following information: (i) the proposed installation location of the Rainwater Harvesting System; and (ii) a description of the Rainwater Harvesting System, including the color, dimensions, manufacturer, and photograph or other accurate depiction (the "Rain System Application"). A Rain System Application may only be submitted by an Owner unless the Owner's tenant provides written confirmation at the time of submission that the Owner consents to the Rain System Application.

2. Approval Process. The decision of the ACC will be made within a reasonable time, or within the time period otherwise required by the principal deed restrictions which govern the review and approval of improvements. A Rain System Application submitted to install a Rainwater Harvesting System on property owned by the Association or property owned in common by members of the Association will not be approved. Any proposal to install a Rainwater Harvesting System on property owned by the Association or property owned in common by members of the Association must be approved in advance and in writing by the Board, and the Board need not adhere to this policy when considering any such request.

Each Owner is advised that if the Rain System Application is approved by the ACC, installation of the Rainwater Harvesting System must: (i) strictly comply with the Rain System Application; (ii) commence within thirty (30) days of approval; and (iii) be diligently prosecuted to completion. If the Owner fails to cause the Rain System Application to be installed in accordance with the approved Rain

System Application, the ACC may require the Owner to: (i) modify the Rain System Application to accurately reflect the Rain System Device installed on the property; or (ii) remove the Rain System Device and reinstall the device in accordance with the approved Rain System Application. Failure to install a Rain System Device in accordance with the approved Rain System Application or an Owner's failure to comply with the post-approval requirements constitutes a violation of this policy and may subject the Owner to fines and penalties. Any requirement imposed by the ACC to resubmit a Rain System Application or remove and relocate a Rain System Device in accordance with the approved Rain System shall be at the Owner's sole cost and expense.

3. Approval Conditions. Unless otherwise approved in advance and in writing by the ACC, each Rain System Application and each Rain System Device to be installed in accordance therewith must comply with the following:

(i) The Rain System Device must be consistent with the color scheme of the residence constructed on the Owner's lot, as reasonably determined by the ACC.

(ii) The Rain System Device does not include any language or other content that is not typically displayed on such a device.

(iii) The Rain System Device is in no event located between the front of the residence constructed on the Owner's lot and any adjoining or adjacent street.

(iv) There is sufficient area on the Owner's lot to install the Rain System Device, as reasonably determined by the ACC.

(v) If the Rain System Device will be installed on or within the side yard of a lot, or would otherwise be visible from a street, common area, or another Owner's property, the ACC may regulate the size, type, shielding of, and materials used in the construction of the Rain System Device. See Section B. 4 for additional guidance.

4. Guidelines for Certain Rain System Devices. If the Rain System Device will be installed on or within the side yard of a lot, or would otherwise be visible from a street, common area, or another Owner's property, the ACC may regulate the size, type, shielding of, and materials used in the construction of the Rain System Device. Accordingly, when submitting a Rain Device Application, the application should describe methods proposed by the Owner to shield the Rain System Device from the view of any street, common area, or another Owner's property. When reviewing a Rain System Application for a Rain System Device that will be installed on or within the side yard of a lot, or would otherwise be visible from a street, common area, or another Owner's property, any additional regulations imposed by the ACC to regulate the size, type, shielding of, and materials used in the construction of the Rain System Device may not prohibit the economic installation of the Rain System Device, as reasonably determined by the ACC.