

Survey

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2011 Survey Results.

In 2011 we mailed out a survey to all homeowners, and 128 people responded.

Below is the survey, and comments that were made by those homeowners who responded.

For a pdf copy of the survey, with comments, click [here](#).

Survey percentages rounded off
EXHIBIT 1

Total Surveys received 128

	Yes	No	Blank	Total
I would like the rules to stand as provided in the "Second Amendment to the Declaration" paragraph 14 Exhibit D.	31 24%	77 60%	20 16%	128 100%
		Do Not		
	Allow	Allow	Blank	Totals
1 Bird Baths or Bird feeders in mulch area only	56 44%	48 38%	24 19%	128
2 Decorative animals, 24 inches or smaller in mulch area only	69 54%	36 28%	23 18%	
3 Vinyl fencing around concrete patio in back yard, 3 ft. or	65 51%	39 30%	24 19%	
4 Miniature water fountains in back yards on patio or mulched area	80 63%	29 23%	19 15%	
5 Decorative plaques attached on house	55 43%	50 39%	23 18%	
6 Boulders 24 inches or smaller in mulch area only	72 56%	30 23%	26 20%	
7 Vinyl/plastic storage bins on concrete patio in back	81 63%	24 19%	23 18%	
8 Hanging flower bags attached to front of home	75 59%	36 28%	17 13%	
9 Sun Globes in mulched area only	70 55%	37 29%	21 16%	
10 Thermometers in front of house	35 27%	66 52%	27 21%	
11 Wind Chimes in front of house	43 34%	62 48%	23 18%	
12 Wishing wells in front of house 24 in. or smaller in mulch area only	47 37%	59 46%	22 17%	
13 Flower boxes attached to front of home	60 47%	44 34%	24 19%	
14 Other general decoration items	46 36%	35 27%	47 37%	

CHANGE

Thank you for considering our changes!

The rules are too confining.

Some individuality is desired and the rules aren't followed anyway.

Individuality is important to most homeowners.

I agree to allow all above proposals.

I have seen nothing distasteful by property owners.

For the most part people are reasonable.

You will always have "odd man out" in any neighborhood-regulated or not.

More rules are hard to police and don't get followed exactly anyway.

Thank you for considering our needs and wants. This also helps people trying to sell or live here happily with a little less restrictions.

Rules are great but within reason. These are our homes after all.

I like to see the different decorations on each house to show their individuality.

We would like the homes to have some individuality-have been told

Briar Cove looks like a cookie cutter subdivision.

We need more freedom.

Looking around the subdivision in the spring and summer, people have been very tasteful with their outdoor items. They make each home unique.

We believe in freedom of choice.

When homeowners are happy creating an environment that pleases them, they make happy neighbors.

These are personal choices for our own homes.

Good taste would be nice, but who am I to judge another person's likes?

Don't understand this obsession with "sameness."

People should have the right to "personalize" their own space.

If you live in a subdivision of stand-alone homes, you can't dictate what your neighbor puts on their porch or lawn, as long as they don't violate any town ordinance.

The owners should be allowed to fix the back of the house as they wish.

More flexibility/individuality should be allowed in rear of homes.

Keep front of homes more uniform.

I feel we should be able to decorate our patios as long as we keep things in scale.

Briar Cove is a great place to live. Let's make it cuter.

Each of us is different. The houses don't have to be decorated the same.

FENCES

No vinyl fencing around ANY concrete patios.

The people who have lots facing no other units should be allowed to fence their property in back.

Maybe their monthly fee could be a bit higher to make up for the mowing.

Also would like added that at owners expense can replace wood fence in back

with a vinyl fence that matches color of house vinyl.

Vinyl fencing is a great protection for dogs and children.

The coyotes are around the area and so are the beautiful deer.

This also helps keep the yards free of droppings and easier for yard maintenance.

Fences under 3 ft. would look silly and serve no function.

What is the logic behind limiting the height? Fences aren't just decorative.

They can be for security, privacy and noise abatement.

GENERAL

Thank you for asking my opinion.

Thank you for allowing us a voice!

We really appreciate all the time and hard work being done by the board.

You're doing a great job! Thank you!

Will the results for each item be put on the Website?

I like our neighborhood.

I think that the way rules are changed and enforced is most beneficial to all.

You will never be able to list every possible improvement.

Instead of trying to make a "rule" for everything, rely on the committee.

Submit to committee for approval only

Items in back of home is fine, but too much in front looks ugly!!

Some people can't afford these extra things also.

All items should be confined to the mulched area to enable the mowers to do their job uninhibited.

I like the way we look. Do not want to look fake. Too much in front will take away from beauty.

If we allow any outdoor items, they need to be discreet and tasteful, not flashy or gaudy.

Separately we have no objection to any of the listed items 1-13 (except #4, wind chimes which can be a nuisance to neighbors).

However, imagine what a home with all items would do to the appearance of the neighborhood.

There must be some limits set. We have no objection to #7 on patio.

We wouldn't consider this a decorative item.

Perhaps limiting the number of decorative items might be a good idea.

Some options are too vague (exp. #6, 12, 2-24 in. high, or across)

Limit the number of items you can have. Restrictions should be loosened for the back patio area but still need to be reasonable.

Don't want the neighborhood to look like a form of cutters in the gardens.

Would prefer front of homes stay clean and uniform with more flexibility for

residents in back yard/patio. NO CHANGE.

Some people don't know when enough is enough.
As a homeowner, I personally feel that we still need to maintain a standard and control over outdoor items.
The way some of our homes are situated some of us are subjected to these views out of our windows all day, every day.

Things are nice the way they are. Do not change the rules!

One of the reasons I chose to live here is because of the rules.

I think it makes our community look good.

We moved into this subdivision based on the rules & regs that were in place.

If people were not happy with that they should have purchased elsewhere.

To change things only opens a can of worms-keep it the same.

Can you imagine what things would look like if all these things were allowed?

Unfortunately, I feel if these items are allowed it will get out of hand.

I think all the houses should look the same.

No items of any kind should be allowed.

SPECIFICS

We felt the [Architectural Review] committee was difficult, only [name omitted]

was helpful, to work with last summer.

If any kind of patio enclosure seems to be Okayed-can't understand why we mayn't

have a bay window to back of our home where only the train engineer will see it.

Plan to ask again this year, in hopes that this committee will be more reasonable.

Blacktops on driveways look cheap. Concrete would be a better selling point.

Why can't the willow trees be left naturally long? The homeowners on the lake can look around them. They look ugly trimmed like regular trees.

Maybe we should consult professionals on how to trim!! Most trees need to be replaced in the rear of homes. Also bushes along garage.

No decorating flags in front of house.

I like the snow plowing, special deicing, asphalt repair, grass cutting and fertilizing, mole prevention.

Everything currently being done. Great job.

Lighted topiary near front door-allow.

The front, in mulch area, looks neater with less put in the area.

Small things like flowers, small boulders look nice.

The patio area should be the place for bird baths, sun globes, thermometers, wind chimes, wishing wells, etc. to make the home their own.

Decorative plaques with address only.

All I wanted was an angel statue. I was forced to get rid of it. I still want my angel back.

The statute was 4 or 5 feet tall.

Although I believe we need to address the residents parking numerous cars on the street.

The neighbors have 5 cars parked out front!

Decorative animals, boulders can get out of hand and become an eyesore. 12" max.

I think things should be kept to a minimum.

We do not want anything that has a noise or sound. It is very annoying.

Will existing items, i.e., storage boxes on patios be "grandfathered in"?

Suggest allowing these even if vote goes against them so propane tanks can be stored

outside without being in elements-fire hazard in garage.

Wind chimes in back of house. I have no problem with decorations in front as long as it's not too overdone/gawdy.

Grand Haven-side street never plowed good. Always slipping and sliding making right hand turn.

Do not know who is responsible, Assoc. or Schererville.

No artificial flowers, plants or trees outside, front or back. Limit of 6 flower pots on ground and porch in front.

Would love to see mulch replaced with stone.

Am impressed with snow removal and lawn care.

Think our committees are very effective doing a great job.