

**RULES RELATING TO CERTAIN INSTALLATIONS INCLUDING RAINWATER
HARVESTING AND SOLAR ENERGY DEVICES
Circle C Homeowners Association, Inc.**

The Association's Board of Directors adopts the following rules relating to certain installations and improvements in the Subdivision:

These rules apply to Installations (defined below) addressed in Texas Property Code Chapter 202 (**Chapter 202**). These rules adopt all conditions and limitations on Installations that Chapter 202 allows the Association to adopt. Installations that do not comply with these rules are prohibited.

1. Installations Covered by this Rule

All restrictions and limitations on rain harvesting equipment, solar energy devices, roofing materials, religious items, political signs, flagpoles, and flags (collectively, the Installations) that are contained in or allowed by Chapter 202, as now existing or later amended, are adopted by the Association as if the same were restated verbatim in this rule. The Association may prohibit Installations that do not comply with the standards contained in these rules.

2. Placement on Association Property

An Installation cannot be located or placed, and no holes or penetrations may be made, on common elements/common area or property owned, maintained, or controlled by the Association without the Association's advance written consent.

3. Association Approval

All Installations must be submitted to the Association for advance review and approval, as provided in the Association's governing documents, and must otherwise comply with/conform to Association rules, regulations, standards, and guidelines.

4. Rainwater Harvesting Systems

The following restrictions apply to rainwater harvesting systems, as defined by Chapter 202:

a. Rain barrels and rainwater harvesting systems may not be located between the front of the residence and an adjoining or adjacent street. Rain barrels and the rainwater harvesting system must be (i) located at the rear of the residence or other location not visible from the street, other lot, or common area, and (ii) adequately shielded from view by fencing, foliage, or other means approved by the Association; provided that these requirements shall be modified to the extent necessary to make such a system economically possible and technically feasible.

b. The rain barrel and harvesting system must be a color consistent with the color scheme of the residence.

c. No part of the rain barrel or harvesting system may display any language or other content that is not typically displayed by such a barrel or system as it is manufactured.

5. Solar Energy Devices

The following additional restrictions apply to solar energy devices, as defined by Chapter 202. Solar energy devices are prohibited if:

a. A Court rules the device is a threat to the public health or safety or violation of law.

b. The device is located in a location other than (i) the roof of the home or another permitted/approved structure or (ii) in a fenced yard or patio owned and maintained by the owner.

c. The device is mounted on the roof of the home and (i) extends higher than or beyond the roofline, (ii) does not conform to the slope of the roof and has a top edge that is not parallel to the roofline, (iii) has a frame, a support bracket, or visible piping or wiring that is not in a silver, bronze, or black tone commonly available in the marketplace, or (iv) is in a location not designated/approved by the Association, unless the owner's requested location increases the estimated annual energy production of the device, as determined by using a publicly available modeling tool provided by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, by more than 10 percent above the energy production of the device if located in the area designated by the Association.

d. The device is located in a fenced yard or patio and is taller than the fence line.

e. The device, as installed, voids material warranties.

f. The device was installed without prior approval by the Association

If installed on a roof maintained by the Association, a roofing company/consultant selected by the Association must certify (i) prior to installation, that the Installation is properly designed, and (ii) after installation, that the Installation was properly done. The owner must pay for the cost of the consultant. The owner must pay for fixing all roof leaks due to the roof-mounted device, and for paying to repair damage caused by the device.

The Association may withhold approval, even if the above standards are met or exceeded, if it determines in writing that placement of the device as proposed by the property owner constitutes a condition that substantially interferes with the use and enjoyment of land by causing unreasonable discomfort or annoyance to persons of ordinary sensibilities.

6. Roofing Materials

Roofing materials designed primarily to be wind and hail resistant, provide heating and cooling efficiencies greater than those provided by customary composite shingles, or provide solar generation capabilities are permissible if, when installed, the materials:

(a) resemble in color and appearance shingles used or otherwise authorized for use in the

subdivision, (b) are more durable than and are of equal or superior quality to the shingles that are used or authorized in the subdivision, and (c) match the aesthetics of the surrounding property, as determined in the Association's discretion.

7. Religious Items

Exterior display of religious item(s) is permitted only at the entry door. In addition, (a) the display must be motivated by the resident's sincere religious belief and (b) the Installation shall not: (i) exceed 25 square inches in the aggregate for all religious displays on the door/doorframe, (ii) threaten public health/safety, (iii) violate a law, (iv) contain patently offensive language or graphics, or (v) extend past the outer edge of the door frame.

8. Political signs

The following restrictions apply to signs advertising a political candidate or ballot item for an election, as described in Chapter 202:

a. The signs may be displayed only during the period beginning 90 days before the date of the election to which the sign relates and ending 10 days after that election date.

b. Only one sign for each candidate or ballot item may be displayed at each residence, and no sign may be larger than four feet by six feet.

c. Each sign must be ground-mounted, and no sign may (i) contain roofing material, siding, paving materials, flora, one or more balloons or lights, or any other similar building, landscaping, or nonstandard decorative component, (ii) be attached in any way to plant material, a traffic control device, a light, a trailer, a vehicle, or any other existing structure or object, (iii) include the painting of architectural surfaces, (iv) threaten the public health or safety, (v) violate a law, (vi) contain language, graphics, or any display that would be offensive to the ordinary person, or (vii) be accompanied by music or other sounds, by streamers, or otherwise be distracting to motorists.

d. The Association may remove a sign displayed in violation of these standards.

9. Flags and Flagpoles

The following additional restrictions apply to flags and flagpoles:

a. Only the following flags are permitted: United States of America, State of Texas, official or replica flags of any branch of the United States Armed Forces (including National Guard and Reserves).

b. Flags must be displayed in accordance with applicable United States (4 U.S.C. Sections 5-10) or Texas law (Chapter 3100, Government Code).

c. All flagpoles must be constructed of permanent, long-lasting materials, with a finish appropriate to the materials used in the construction of the flagpole and harmonious with the residence.

- d. All flags and flagpoles must be maintained in good condition, and any deteriorated flag or deteriorated or structurally unsafe flagpole must be promptly repaired, replaced, or removed. Each flagpole must be securely anchored at all times.
- e. No more than 1 free-standing flagpole(s), not to exceed twenty feet (20') in height as measured from ground level, may be installed on each lot.
- f. No more than 1 building-mounted flagpole(s), not to exceed six feet (6') in length, may be installed on each lot. A lot may contain both a free-standing flagpole and building-mounted flagpole, as long as the same comply with the requirements of this rule.
- g. No more than 2 flags may be flown from any flagpole.
- h. No flag may exceed 15 square feet in area, and all flags in aggregate shall not exceed 30 square feet in area.
- i. Exterior illumination of the flag(s) must be submitted for approval in the same manner as other exterior lighting.
- j. The location of each free-standing flagpole must be submitted for approval in the same manner as any other improvement on the lot.
- k. The flagpole must be located on the owner's lot and not on a right of way, easement (whether for drainage, utility, conservation, or otherwise), or on property owned or maintained by the Association.
- l. The flagpole must be setback from all property lines a distance that is 125% of the height of the pole above ground level. For example, a 12' pole has a 15' setback and a 20' pole has a 25' setback.
- m. The owner must take reasonable measures to minimize noise from wind contact with the flagpole, rope, or flag; the noise should not be discernable more than 25 feet from the flagpole.

Submittal Requirements:

1. ACC Submittal Form
2. Detailed description that confirms above requirements are met (including where applicable- type of device, size, installed height, intended location, type of screening to be used, etc)
3. **Fee of \$45-** payable through the circlecranch.com website or via check made payable to the CCHOA and sent to, or dropped off at, the Circle C Community Center, 7817 La Crosse Ave, Austin, TX 78739

Please send an email with any questions to acc@circlecranch.info