

## **HSVPOA ACC YARD ART STANDARDS**

**The ACC has determined that based on some generated community complaints that it is necessary to set some standards/rules to maintain neighborhood harmony, as well as to uphold property values and community aesthetics. Visibility to adjoining property owners, street frontages, and lake/golf course frontages will be affected by these rules.**

**Regarding yard art/garden ornamentation/decorations, written codes cannot anticipate or regulate every possible citizen concern. Our community is made up of individuals whose circumstances or views may not always be in harmony with one another. To address some concerns regarding this issue a balance should be achieved, and commonsense rules put into place.**

**Yard art/garden ornamentation/decorations include, but are not limited to, planting containers (pots), ornamental objects/statuary, wind chimes, decorations attached to the exterior of the residence, birdhouses, bird baths, bird feeders, urns, fountains, garden flags, decorative steppingstones, gazing balls, windmills, lighthouses, weathervanes, outdoor furniture, and benches.**

**Exterior yard art/garden ornamentation/decorations will be in good taste; nothing offensive to acceptable standards of decency or modesty is permitted.**

**Yard art/garden ornamentation/decorations must be maintained in good and attractive condition. Rusting, deteriorating, or fading items should be removed or refurbished.**

**While there is no number limitation assigned with these rules, the size, location placement, and number of yard art/garden ornamentation/ decorations shall be proportional to the size of the home and lot. They should complement the residence and the neighborhood.**

**Holiday lighting and decorations for Christmas shall be put up no earlier than the first week in November and shall be removed no later than January 31. Holiday decorations for other nationally recognized holidays (i.e., Easter, Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Halloween, etc.) can be put up two weeks prior and shall be removed no later than two weeks after the holiday.**

**Yard art/garden ornamentation/decorations that do not meet these standards and generate no less than two complaints from affected property owners (defined as living in proximity to the subject property, such as the same subdivision or those that utilize lakes and golf courses), who have filed a complaint with the Compliance Department, due to visual content (offensive in nature), an excessive amount in proportionality to the residence, or is not compatible with the surrounding neighborhood and/or devalues neighboring properties is subject to aesthetic review by the ACC. If the alleged violation is not rectified after a review by the ACC (majority vote of a quorum of the Committee Members) and notification given by the Compliance Department to the Property Owner to correct within ten days, the Property Owner will be subject to further action by the Compliance Department.**