



MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION, INC.

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PLAY EQUIPMENT CRITERIA

The Montgomery Village Foundation Architectural Review Board has established the following criteria for play equipment, distinguishing between play equipment that needs advanced approval and that which does not:

- Temporary play equipment that is constructed in a professional manner, such as swing-sets, portable basketball hoops, trampolines, and climbing equipment, may be installed in the rear yards of homes without the need for prior approval by the Architectural Review Board. The equipment must be in scale with the size of the backyard and home; play equipment must not exceed six feet in height in townhome communities. Temporary play equipment that does not adhere to this height requirement will be cited as an architectural violation.
- Play equipment that is permanently installed, such as basketball poles, trampolines, swing sets, and climbing equipment with cement footers; treehouses; or any play equipment installed on a temporary or permanent basis in the front or side yard, must be applied for and approved in writing by the Architectural Review Board in advance of installation.
- Play equipment requiring approval must be constructed in a professional manner and maintained in good condition, and will be approved on an individual basis, factoring in the manner of construction, the size of the equipment in relation to the size of the yard and home, the location in relation to neighboring homes, visibility of the equipment from the street and common areas, and color.
- The only play equipment that will be approved in the front yard are basketball backboards and poles, and only in communities where basketball backboards and poles are not specifically prohibited by the community's architectural criteria; basketball units are generally prohibited by community criteria in townhome and zero lot line communities.
- Basketball backboards and poles are subject to the following criteria:
 - Permanently installed basketball poles in the front of the home must be located more than halfway up the driveway as measured from the street, and must not be installed at the driveway entrance.
 - Basketball backboards that are approved to be installed on the garage or carport must be located as high up as possible and must be either clear acrylic or painted the house trim color.

Questions: Call or e-mail Architectural Standards at (240)-243-2364 or archadmin@mvf.org

All Architectural Standards information including community criteria is available on www.montgomeryvillage.com. Property Improvement Request applications are available at www.montgomeryvillage.com/pir. Approved by the MVF Board of Directors 4/23/2020.