# MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION, INC.



10120 APPLE RIDGE ROAD
MONTGOMERY VILLAGE, MARYLAND 20886-1000

## SIGN CRITERIA - RESIDENTIAL

All signs erected on residential property in Montgomery Village must adhere to the Montgomery County Sign Ordinance, as defined by the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance (59.6.7), in addition to these criteria. If there is a conflict, the stricter of the two requirements must be adhered to. Residents who wish to place signs on their property must seek both Montgomery Village Architectural Review Board AND Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services approval in advance of erecting the sign.

#### I. PERMITTED SIGNS

### A. Residential Real Estate Signs

Temporary real estate signs may be installed on a residential property or immediately adjacent to residential property without need for prior approval. Signs must be removed within seven (7) days of the sale of the property. Temporary real estate directional signs must conform to the Montgomery County Sign Ordinance.

#### B. Temporary Political Election Campaign Signs

Political signs are permitted without prior approval in residential zones provided they are relevant to the election and are confined within private property. These signs may be displayed sixty (60) days prior and fourteen (14) days after the election for which the sign is intended. No illumination of political signs shall be permitted.

#### C. Other Signs

All other residential signs will be acceptable if they meet the following criteria and are approved prior to installation by the Architectural Review Board:

- Signs must not exceed a maximum size of 18" x 24".
   The sign posts must not exceed a maximum height of 18" from grade.
- Signs containing obscene statements, words, or depictions that are construed to offend public morals or decency are prohibited.
- Only one sign will be permitted on any residential lot.

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

- Signs must not be displayed on the exterior of any house window area.
- Signs must not be constructed in a manner that requires a building or electrical permit, and residential signs may not be illuminated.
- Signs must be installed and maintained in good repair, and in a safe, neat and clean condition.
- The color, location, and material of the sign will be approved on an individual basis and must be in harmony with the aesthetics of the property and the community.

#### II. PROHIBITED SIGNS

# A. Residential Business Signs

Residential business signs are prohibited in Montgomery Village:

- No sign may be placed on a residential unit or within the residential property that advertises a home operated business or any type of professional office.
- No sign advertising work being performed on a residential unit may remain on display for more than seven (7) days after the work has been completed.

#### III. ENFORCEMENT

All signs not conforming to the Montgomery Village Residential Sign Guidelines will be considered architectural violations and will be enforced in accordance with Montgomery Village Foundation enforcement procedures. Any exceptions to this policy will require review by the MVF Architectural Review Board.

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