

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW CRITERIA

The Architectural Design Committee evaluates all submissions on the individual merits of each application. The characteristics of the house type and the individual site are taken into account when evaluating the particular design proposal. This is done because what may be an acceptable design of an exterior in one instance may not be for another. The following criteria represent in more specific terms the general standards that will be used in reviewing and evaluating such application and design. The term “improvement” will refer either to new house construction or to alteration of an existing house.

VALIDITY OF CONCEPT

The basic idea must be sound and appropriate to its surroundings.

DESIGN COMPATIBILITY

The proposed improvement must be compatible with the architectural characteristics of the applicant’s existing house (if not a new construction), adjoining houses, and the neighborhood setting. Compatibility is defined as similarity in architectural style, quality of workmanship, similar use of materials, color and construction details.

LOCATION AND IMPACT ON NEIGHBORS

The proposed improvement should relate favorably to the landscape, an existing structure, drainage, and the neighborhood. When a proposed improvement has possible impact on adjacent properties, it is suggested that the applicant discuss the proposal with neighbors prior to making an application to the ADC. It may be appropriate in some cases to submit neighbor comments along with the ADC application.

MATERIAL AND COLOR

Materials must be compatible with and colors must blend favorably with any existing structure, the neighborhood setting, and with the overall Oakbrook community.

WORKMANSHIP

Workmanship is another standard, which is applied to all exterior improvements.