

THE SETTLEMENT AT WILLOW GROVE LANDSCAPE CODE

A. Minimum Requirements

I. PLANS:

a) The landscape plans shall be drawn at a minimum of 1/8" per foot, and shall clearly show the name and placement of all proposed plant materials, as well as the quantities and sizes. A plant legend showing the quantity, type, and sizes of all specified plants shall be on the plan.

b) All plans shall be drawn in accordance with Louisiana Horticultural Law and shall bear the seal of the design professional designing the landscape. The owner/contractor must also provide the name of the designer and landscape contractor that will be installing the landscaping.

c) All landscape installation must follow the minimum guidelines established by the Louisiana Nursery and Landscape Association (LNLA) and the American Nursery and Landscape Association (ANLA). The Board and/or the Residential Homeowners' Committee reserve the right to restrict landscape contractors who do not follow the restrictions set forth in the Master Declaration (or any applicable Supplemental Declaration) or who choose not to follow the standards for landscaping set forth by the LNLA or the ANLA.

d) Watering systems must be utilized in all gardens spaces and may either be standard irrigation with stationary heads, drip irrigation with movable heads, or 'soaker' hoses. The schematic design of the watering system shall be included within the landscape plans.

e) The landscape plans shall clearly indicate all property lines, utility boxes and meters, setback lines, servitudes, the house footprint, driveways, paving, landscape lighting, watering systems, walls, fences, sidewalk, back of street curb, edge of the alley pavement, spas, pools, fountains, arbors, pergolas, pigeonaires, or other detached structures. Details or graphic drawings of the hardscape elements shall be included, and for aesthetical purposes, they shall indicate the materials used and methods of construction.

f) Drainage must be clearly indicated and must conform to the subdivision drainage layout approved by the Engineer and the Department of Public Works. The contractor may utilize swales, trench drains, French drains, or subsurface pipe systems. The minimum pipe size for any drainage system is 4 inches or multiple pipes with an equivalent conveyance. It is the designer's responsibility to properly size the drain pipes based on each individual site. Drain outfall boxes shall extend to the street curb and will not be allowed to spill onto the sidewalk in the front of the lot. In special circumstances, pipes 3 inches and smaller may daylight through the barrier curb and spillout into the street gutter. These pipes shall be an approved rigid material such as PVC or metal and the curb shall be saw cut and neatly replaced.

II. PLANTS:

Village Center

- a) This area will have its own separate set of landscaping requirements.

Village Edge & Village General

- a) The front yards must be planted with a minimum of 2 Class “B” trees arranged so as not to conflict with the matured growth of the street trees.
- b) There shall be a minimum of 12 inches of green space for planting of ground covers between the base of all fences and walls and the sidewalk.
- c) A minimum of 75% of the front yard must be planted with shrubs and ground covers. The remainder, if any, can be lawn.
- d) There shall be a minimum of one Class “B” tree planted on the alley side of the house and a minimum of 50 square feet of green space for tree, shrub, and ground cover planting.
- e) Utility boxes shall be screened if possible, but plantings must not interfere with servicing or maintenance on these facilities.
- f) Trees shall be a minimum of 2” caliper for standard trees, and multi-trunked trees shall have a minimum of 3 canes at a minimum of 1” caliper each.
- g) Interior courtyards or gardens behind walls or fences, shall have a minimum of 40 square feet of landscaping of trees, shrubs or ground covers. Any private courtyards or pools must be screened from all views by walls or fences.
- h) Any lawns must be solid sod and may be certified Centipede, St. Augustine, Bermuda, or Zoysia. No seeding or sprigging is allowed.
- i) Any landscape lighting shall not shine directly onto adjacent properties and the maximum light wattage for landscaping lighting is 25 watts per fixture.

B. Plan Submittal

The owner/contractor is responsible for submitting two (2) copies of the landscape plan to the Board and/or the Residential Homeowners Committee for approval. A review fee of \$150 shall be collected at the time of submittal. Plans must be submitted for review prior to “black in”. Once the landscape is installed according to the plans, the design professional must submit a certificate of completion in order to refund the deposit. Should the landscape not be installed according to the minimum guidelines set forth in the restrictions, the deposit may be used to

mitigate the deficiencies. The front yard landscaping must be installed prior to moving in. The other areas of landscaping must be completed within 30 days after moving in.

C. PLANT MATERIALS

I. Recommended “Theme” Plants:

The following plants are recommended for their aesthetic qualities which support the overall design theme and their compatibility with our climate and natural systems. Plant pallets are not limited to this list, but a majority of the plants should come from this list.

Trees:

- Live Oak
- Willow Oak
- Nuttall Oak
- Southern Red Oak & cultivars
- Swamp Chestnut Oak
- Shumard Oak
- Sawtooth Oak
- Post Oak
- White Oak
- Bald Cypress
- Green Ash
- Tulip Poplar
- Gordonia
- Crape Myrtle
- Windmill Palm
- Oriental Magnolias & cultivars
- Sweet Bay Magnolia
- Southern Magnolia & cultivars
- Bigleaf Magnolia
- Red Maple
- Savannah Holly
- American Holly & cultivars
- Cassine Holly
- Dahoon Holly
- Redbud
- Dogwood
- Siverbell
- Hawthorns (Crataegus spp.)
- Vitex
- River Birch
- Pistachio

- Chinese Elm & cultivars
- Fringe Tree
- Winged Elm
- American Elm
- Yaupon
- Camellia
- Loquat
- Sweet Olive
- Banana Shrub
- Cherry Laurel
- Slash or Loblolly Pine
- Spruce Pine
- Crabapples
- Ornamental Plum
- Ornamental Cherry

Shrubs & Ground Covers:

- Azaleas
- Indian Hawthorns
- Hollies
- Boxwood
- Pittosporum
- Hydrangea
- Camellia
- Abelia
- Ligustrum
- Gardenias
- Sweet Olive
- Beauty Bush
- Buddelias
- Nandinas
- Spireas
- Mahonias
- Loropetalum
- Bananas
- Sago Palm
- Mediterranean Fan Palm
- Chinese Fan Palm
- Needle Palm
- Palmetto
- Mock Orange
- Viburnums
- Oleander

- Cleyera
- Pineapple Guava
- Althea
- Fatsia
- Clump Bamboo
- Philodendron
- Gingers
- Agapanthus
- Daylily
- Liriope
- Mondo Grass
- Asian Jasmine
- Asparagus Fern
- Hardy Ferns
- Ajuga
- Aspidistra
- Ardesia
- Indigo
- Vinca
- English Ivy
- Spider Lily
- Crinum Lily

II. Restricted Plants

The following plants are not allowed due to their incompatibility of the overall theme, the nature of their growth, and their incompatibility with our climate.

Trees:

- Water Oak
- Silver Maple
- Weeping Willow
- Bradford Pear & cultivars
- Arizona Ash
- Tung Oil Tree
- Sweetgum
- Hackberry
- Washingtonia Palm
- Cabbage Palm
- Chinaberry Tree
- Tallow Tree
- Mimosa
- Siberian Elm

- Cedar Elm
- Black Locust
- Italian Cypress
- Privet
- Hibiscus
- Running Bamboo
- Junipers
- All tropical plants will be evaluated on an individual basis