

## Maple Ridge Flag and Flagpole Guidelines

Here is the rule adopted by the Board when it was discussed in November and December 2014, presented in the Annual Meeting mailing and then passed at the Annual Meeting on January 27, 2015.

**Article VI Section 20** prohibits flags or flag poles from being displayed or erected without ACC approval. With members approval The Board will approve a variance for a flagpole with the stipulation that the following standards and rules be followed.

1. The height of the pole will be a minimum equal to the lowest roof peak but not less than 15 feet or greater than 20 feet.
2. The pole must be a painted or coated silver or black color (no galvanized poles) with a round gold ball or cap
3. The pole must be mounted on the driveway side of the house (left or right) no closer to the street than 15 feet from the front corner of the garage/house.
4. If the pole is lighted, it must have an appropriate ground mounted spotlight
5. The only flag allowed to be displayed is the current American flag, size to be 3' x 5' and observation of the following rules:
  - a. The flag should be lighted at all times, either by sunlight or by an appropriate ground light source.
  - b. The flag should be flown in fair weather, unless the flag is designed for inclement weather use.
  - c. The flag should never have any mark, insignia, letter, word, number, figure, or drawing of any kind placed on it, or attached to it.
  - d. When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object; it should be received by waiting hands and arms.
  - e. The flag should be cleaned and mended when necessary. When a flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country, it should be replaced and the old one should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner.

We have allowed "welcome" (pineapple, flowers, birds) flags along with sports team flags to hang on the house. These fall under yard art. We just recently started having issues with "political" flags." Which are not allowed