

## Section 7A Deed Restrictions – Old vs. New Comparison

This document summarizes some of the key changes proposed to the Section 7A Deed Restrictions and why they are beneficial. **This document is not a comprehensive list of changes**, so homeowners are encouraged to read through the document.

**In general, the proposed changes make clearer each of the subject articles.** The writing is in more concise and articulate language, making the restrictions more “user friendly” compared to the older version. As you read this new version of the restrictions, **we hope you will see that the intention is to keep the interests of our neighbors and the quality of our subdivision in mind.**

OLD, if applicable	Proposed Change	Why Change Is Needed
No Table of Contents	Table of Contents	More user friendly
<b>Section 1 Land Use and Structure Type:</b> Specifies number of and type of structures allowed.	<b>Article 2 Land Use and Structure Type:</b> Specifies number of and type of structures allowed, with changes to wording and details structures allowed.	Current Deed Restrictions do not allow for split garages, or an additional garage attached to porte cochere, very common in high end construction. Aesthetics are maintained via number of and size of garage doors allowed.
<b>Section 2 Architectural Control Committee (ACC):</b> Approves or disapproves designs and construction in Meyerland. There is not an appeal process with the MACC.	<b>Article 3 Review and Control Committee (RCC):</b> Designates this as the committee that approves or denies applications. Appeals are to the board.	Current review committee is not governed by the Board, and has no appeals process. Proposed change brings us in line with standards of most of communities and provides lot owners with an appeals process.
<b>Section 6 Dwelling Quality and Size:</b> Specifies a maximum of 2 ½ stories.	<b>Article 4.8 Dwelling Size and Height:</b> Specifies a maximum height in addition to the 2 ½ story limit.	New provision matches MCIA Policy and is fair for all lots since the height rule is based on the City’s definition of Minimum Flood Protection Elevation.
<b>Section 6 Dwelling Quality and Size:</b> Currently only allows for Brick, Stone and the mortar which joins them together to be considered masonry.	<b>Article 4.4 Masonry Requirements:</b> Sets a 60% masonry requirement. Defines masonry as Brick, Stone, and Stucco.	Provides a standard definition for materials and maintains aesthetics.
<b>Section 22 Fences &amp; Walls:</b> 8 ft., not forward of building, and not forward of side street set back line.	<b>Article 4.13 Fences and Walls:</b> Retains existing rules with regards to fence height (8 feet), allows for fencing of side yards, and indicates areas which may be governed by policy.	The acceptable height, location and materials are more accommodating for those currently used in construction. Allows for more useable space in back yard. References current MCIA policy and is like newer Deed Restrictions.
No Restriction	<b>Article 4.5 Non-Permeable Coverage and Drainage Requirements:</b> Limits impervious coverage at 60% and requirements for lot drainage.	Formalizes the current impervious coverage limit as set per Policy and remains more stringent than the City of Houston.

No Restriction	<b>Article 5 Management and Operation of Subdivision:</b> Covers the rights and responsibilities of MCIA and each member owner.	Current restrictions do not as deftly explain operations and your rights as a member/lot owner.
<b>Section 27 Maintenance Fund:</b> explains the obligation for the Maintenance and Security fees.	<b>Article 6 MCIA Assessments and Fees:</b> explains the obligation for the Maintenance Fees, Security Fees, Special Assessments and General Fees.	More clearly explains the method by which Maintenance, Security, Special Assessments, and General Fees are charged and set.
<b>Section 31 Enforcement</b>	<b>Article 8 Other Provisions:</b> discusses applicability and enforcements of the deed restrictions.	Some of the information in the Article is found in the current set, but this set outlines the enforcement rights of the members/lot owners and MCIA.

Accurate and relevant deed restrictions protect the property values and beauty of your neighborhood.

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