

# Waterwood Neighborhood News

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## Keeping Waterwood Current While Preserving Its Character

One of the things that makes Waterwood special is its history and the character of our community. Many of the deed restrictions that help guide development in Waterwood were written in the 1970s, when homes were built very differently than they are today.

As Waterwood continues to grow and new homes are built, we felt it was time to take a fresh look at some of those requirements and bring them more in line with today's building standards and the way homes are designed today.

One example is the minimum square footage requirement for new homes. Some of our existing restrictions even allow garage space to be counted toward the required square footage of a home. While that may have made sense when the restrictions were originally written, it is not necessarily the most logical way to measure the actual living space of a home today.

The proposed amendments are intended to establish a more current and practical standard for **new construction**, while still respecting the character that makes each part of Waterwood unique.

Because Waterwood is made up of several subdivisions, the deed restrictions are not exactly the same in every area. For that reason, the proposed amendments were tailored to the individual subdivisions rather than taking a one-size-fits-all approach.

The goal is simple: ***to keep our deed restrictions relevant to today's Waterwood while preserving the character and history of our community.***

We hope property owners will take the time to read the proposed amendments included in the election materials and understand the reasons behind them. These changes are about looking toward the future while continuing to appreciate what makes Waterwood the community we all call home.

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