



Architectural & Design Guidelines

Stage 4 RPL

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1.0 OBJECTIVE

The objective of these architectural guidelines is to ensure the very highest standard of visual appeal and image; ensuring compatibility among homes and integration of the community into the natural landscape. Outlining the opportunities and constraints of building, these guidelines will assist builders, designers and home buyers in achieving problem free construction.

2.0 ARCHITECTURAL THEME

Walker Lakes Station will be a neighborhood true to the spirit and values of the National Railroad period. A variety of housing types will blend together with the unifying theme of the Railroad and it's Vernacular architecture inspired by a simpler time.

What defines character and community are the details. In Walker Lakes Station these details will be woven through the blend of housing styles to establish a commonality and relationship. Simpler shapes enclosed by uncomplicated roof forms in moderate to steep pitches will display thoughtful attention to detailing. Uniquely designed knee braces, grill patterns, shutters, louvers and door styles will reinforce the theme. From the unpretentious strength of a simple dwelling to the elegant and stately lines inspired by the great train stations, Walker Lakes Station will celebrate the mettle of the Railroad period.

National Railroad Styling



3.0 STREETSCAPE

Care must be taken to integrate the unique values of each home with special attention to the relationship with neighboring properties. Relative massing, siting and style will be of utmost importance in assuring each home compliments its' neighbor and the subdivision. Two storey models only, will be permitted on RPL lots in Walker Lakes.

Building massing, siting and style may be adjusted and/or alternate treatments requested to reinforce the streetscape. Entranceways will be covered at the first level. The style, width, height and detailing of entranceways will together create a sense of arrival.

4.0 HOUSE SIZE

Houses are to have a consistency of mass and volume within the streetscape. As such, house widths and sizes must relate proportionately and logically to the lot width and neighboring houses.

Homes will be reviewed on their individual merits of design, massing, proportion, and compatibility.

5.0 SITE PLANNING AND GRADING

Site planning and grading must accommodate the natural slope of the land with variations in grade absorbed within the building mass as much as possible. Lot grading must be in strict conformance with the approved grading plan for the subdivision.

Special attention is to be given the treatment of exposed concrete foundation walls. A maximum of 2'6" of parged concrete will be permitted on the front and corner elevations. Variation in grade and basement design may require cladding material be lowered or extended to within 2'6" of ground level accordingly.

Front entry steps are to be a maximum of four risers per set. Where the grade calls for more than four risers, the run must be split with a landing between sets. Precast concrete steps may be utilized for entries with three risers or less. Four rise steps must be wood construction, painted or stained.

6.0 GARAGE / DRIVEWAY / WALKWAY

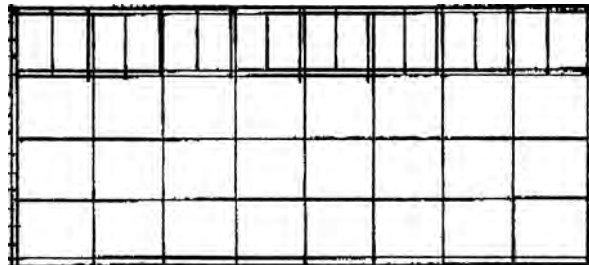
The front walkway must be a minimum of poured concrete in broom finish, 30" wide. Individual patio blocks will not be permitted.

A 20' x 20' poured concrete parking pad must be provided concurrent with house

construction. The approach to the lane may be paved with asphalt or concrete.

Detached garages should be consistent in style, finish and color with the design of the house.

Overhead doors on detached garages may be a standard raised panel door or the style illustrated below.



7.0 REPETITION

Similar or approximately identical elevations must not be repeated on adjacent lots or directly across the street (XOX). To be considered different, an alternate elevation must reflect substantial modifications.

The Builder will provide preliminary model plans for approval prior to marketing in Walker Lakes.

Repetition must be also be addressed at the rear elevations, on adjacent lots only.

8.0 EXTERIOR COLORS

Colors will be approved on a lot by lot basis without repetition on adjacent lots. All color schemes require a strong contrast at trim and fascia. Color expression was widely used as adornment in the National Railroad period and as such, brighter colors are encouraged for fascia and/or trim.

Wooden verandas must be painted or stained in a finished state. Color to match the wall cladding and/or trim.

A clear coat finish on cedar is also acceptable. The landing and treads at the veranda may be left in a natural state.

9.0 CORNER LOTS

Houses on corner lots require special design consideration and all models will be

considered.

Flanking side elevation will have suitable front elevation treatment with principal roof planes sloping toward view. Variation in wall plane is required. Two story models must incorporate substantial roof line between floors, appropriate wall heights, window placement and detailing consistent with the front elevation styling.

Corner lots siding onto a main collector road with require more substantial elevation treatments then interior corner lots not siding onto a main collector road.

10.0 REAR ELEVATION - HIGH VISIBILITY LOTS

Model repetition must be addressed at the rear elevation on adjacent lots. (also see 7.0 Repetition)

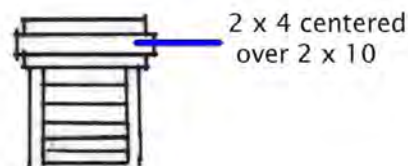
11.0 ROOFING

Roof slopes will be a minimum 7/12 with a predominance of gable styled roofs. Hip roof may also be utilized at the main roof with front facing gables.

Eave overhangs are to be 12". Cantilevers and boxouts on visible elevations (front, corner and perimeter lots) must include their own roofline and overhang.

All roofs are to be a standard asphalt shingle in the color of Sandstone in the BP product or Driftwood in the IKO product.

All furnace and fireplace chimneys must be contained in a corbelled chase, 2x4 centered over 2x10 as illustrated.



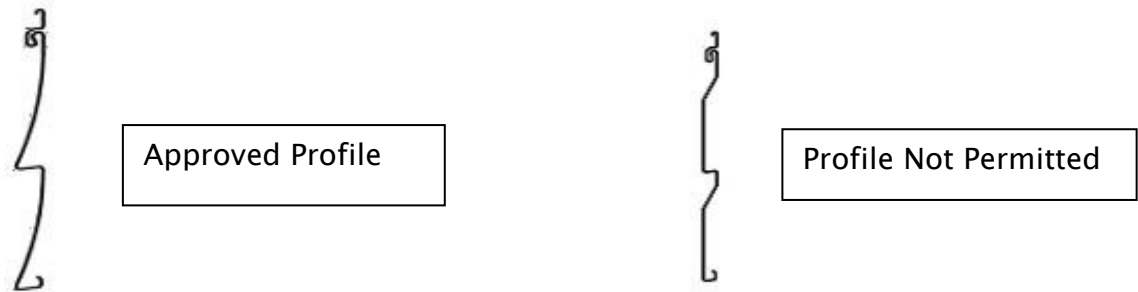
12.0 EXTERIOR FINISHES / STYLING

To achieve the National Railroad theme, the following elements will be included the home design:

- a. Front facing gables are clad in siding or painted panels and defined by 6" shadow bands at the eaves. Vertical siding and shakes in panel effect are permissible.
- b. Windows have vertical orientation and may include rectangular or elliptical transoms (rake and half round windows will not be permitted)
- c. Window grills are a single 5/8" vertical and 5/8" horizontal as illustrated
- d. 6" sill battens and 8" crown battens will frame all openings and extend 2" past

window frame. Sill details may also be suited

- e. Triangular louvers (with brickmold)
- f. One or more angle braces will be utilized at all front elevations as per illustration
- g. Entry doors will be simple panel design and include glazing



- h. Siding must be traditional profile. Cove/Dutchlap profile will not be permitted
- i. Shutters are board and batten style only.
- j. Columns will be simple in styling and solid in scale in one of the five styles illustrated. Turned, and more ornamental columns are not suitable.



2-6x6 POST C/W
2 1/2" COLLARS T#B
C/W ANGLED BRACKET
PAINTED
ON 16x10 BASE



SMALLER VERSION
(MINUS ANGLED BRACKET)

- POST PEOPLE WILL PUT UP BRACKET,
BUT SOFFIT GUYS WILL TAKE DOWN
AND NOT PUT UP

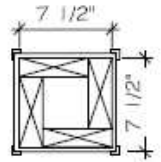


8x8 POST C/W
2 1/2" COLLARS T#B
C/W ANGLED BRACKET
PAINTED
ON 10x10 BASE



SINGLE-POST VERSION
(MINUS ANGLED BRACKET)

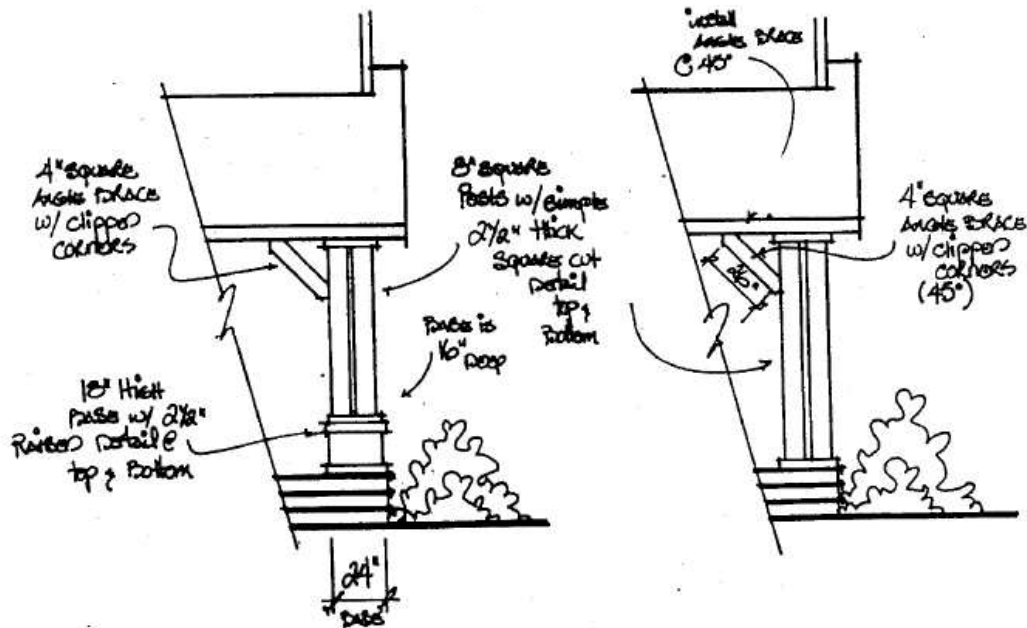
- MOST VERANDAS ON A 26 FT HOUSE
AREN'T VERY WIDE, SO 24" OR 16"
FOR A POST WIDTH MAKES ENTRANCE
INTO HOUSE DIFFICULT (MOVING
FURNITURE, ETC)

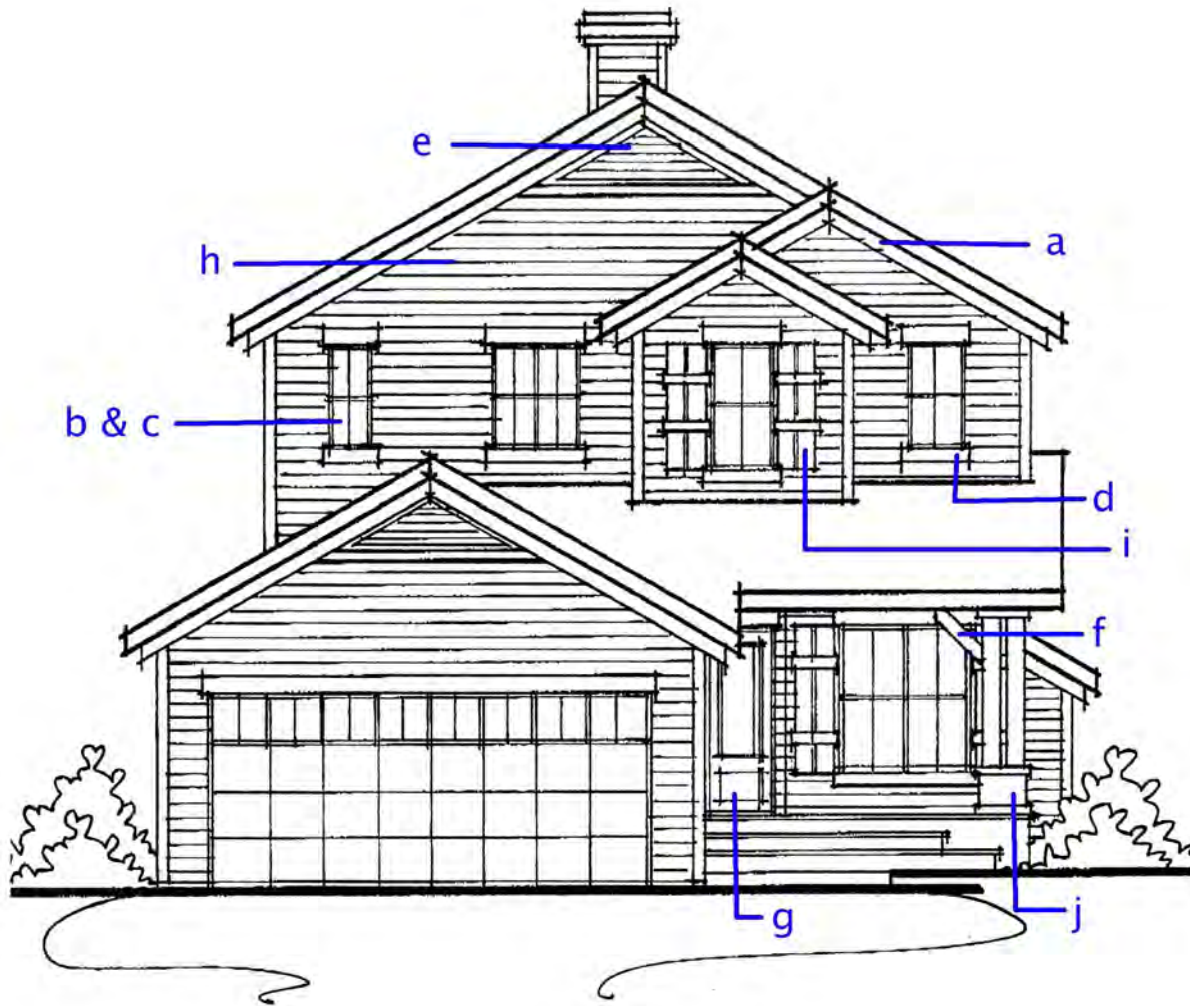


8x8" POST
BUILT UP POST C/W
3/8" CREZON PAINTED
3/4" CORNER BEADS
8" COLLARS TOP &
10" BOTTOM C/W MITER
CUTS

8x8 OR 12x12 POST

- USED IN ASPEN TRAILS, WHICH IS A
"HERITAGE THEMED" COMMUNITY.
SIMPLE, YET SIGNIFICANT





A covered porch or veranda is required. Minimum depth of landing is 5'.

Bay windows are not suited to the styling. In lieu of bay windows, box out projections may be utilized.

Ledge stone and brick are appropriate to the style and may be applied in a panel effect or as a substantial accent (5' high c/w heavy trim at top), on front elevations.

Permitted cladding materials include vinyl siding, and wood siding in traditional profile and horizontal application, brick/stone in stacked application. Board and batten siding and/or flat panel details with raised battens may be utilized as an accent finish or to reinforce styling.

All finishes, trims, and masonry details must be returned 24" around corners.

Parging is not to exceed 2'6" on front and corner elevations.

13.0 FENCING

Wood fencing shall be consistent in design and color with the fencing style established for the community, an illustration of which is attached.

13.1 Landscaping

It is the responsibility of the homeowner to landscape the front yard. In the case of corner lots, the front yard shall include the flanking sideyard to the sidewalk, curb or boulevard and to the rear corner of the house.

The minimum landscape standard for all lots shall consist of sod, one tree and a prepared shrub bed containing at least six shrubs. The minimum deciduous tree shall be 2" caliper, measured 6" above ground. The minimum coniferous tree (spruce or pine) must be a minimum of 6' tall. Shrubs shall be at minimum 18" in height or spread. A prepared bed is defined by edging (landscaping vinyl, brick, concrete, etc.).

Hard surface landscaping will not be permitted. Rock and wood mulch must be restricted to prepared shrub and tree bed.

All landscaping must be completed, in accordance with the requirements herein, within six (6) months of completion of the house (subject only to seasonal limitations).

The Landscape Deposit will be paid to ensure, inter alia, compliance with these guidelines. The amount of the Landscape Deposit to be paid will be:

- a. \$2,500.00 for each Lot purchased pursuant to the Lot Purchase and Sale Agreement; or
- b. If the Purchaser forms part of the Vendor's builder group (which determination is to be made by the Vendor in its sole discretion), the sum of \$1,500.00 for each Lot which sum will be paid to the Purchaser (builder) by each homeowner as set out in the Standard Terms and Conditions.

The Landscape Deposit will be held and dealt with in accordance with the Standard Terms and Conditions.

Upon completion of landscaping, the Purchaser shall call for inspection by the Vendor's Consultant. If upon inspection the Vendor's Consultant determines that the landscaping has not been satisfactorily complied with, there will be a charge of \$150.00 deducted from the Landscape Deposit for all re-inspections required. Upon approval of the landscaping requirements herein and satisfaction of other terms relating to the Landscape Deposit, subject to deductions made, the Vendor will refund the Landscape Deposit to the Purchaser, or if the Landscape Deposit is collected by

the Purchaser from its homeowner, the Vendor will authorize the Purchaser to release the Landscape Deposit.

14.0 ANCILLARY BUILDINGS / GARDEN SHEDS

Where such structures are visible from public adjacencies (i.e. all perimeter lots, corner lots and lots designated high visibility), exterior wall finishes, style and color shall compliment those used on the house. Roof style and materials are to match the materials used on the roof of the house.

15.0 INTERPRETATION

The enforcement, administration and interpretation of these guidelines shall be at the discretion of MLC Group or it's designated consultant. The unfettered application of these guidelines shall be without notice or precedent.

16.0 SITING

16.1 Consultant

Check with the Architectural Consultant and Surveyor for all applicable drawings, and any special conditions.

16.2 City Regulations

Ensure that city regulations are met and note relevant plans regarding utilities and rights of way.

16.3 Plot Plans

A designated surveyor shall prepare all plot plans and perform all stakeouts in the subdivision to facilitate establishing building elevations that are consistent and appropriate.

17.0 SUBDIVISION APPEARANCE

17.1 Signage

In order to maintain cohesiveness for signage within the subdivision, all signage will be supplied by the Developer, i.e. all model signs, directional signs and general information signs. The only signage to be supplied by the Builders Group will be on lots owned or sold by that Builder. Excessive abuse of signage, including sandwich boards may necessitate removal of ALL Builder and Realtor signs.

17.2 Excavation Material

Builders must ensure that all excavation is kept within the confines of their lot. Any spillage on a road, land, sidewalk or neighboring lot must be removed immediately or the Developer will arrange for its removal and invoice for expenses.

17.3 Clean Up

Builders should encourage timely removal by all subtrades of litter on building sites. Failure to comply will result in a clean-up bill being charged to the lot. Supply of bins by the Builder is recommended. Any general clean up of the subdivision implemented by the Developer can and will be charged pro-rata to all builders.

17.4 Construction Activity

Each Builder is responsible for inspecting the condition of curbs, sidewalks, street lights, water curb cock (cc) services, boulevard landscaping on or adjacent to his lot and must submit written notice of any damages to the Developer prior to commencing construction, otherwise costs for repairing any damages becomes the sole responsibility of the Purchaser/Builder.

18.0 APPROVAL PROCESS

Prior to application the Builder has inspected the lot and all services. All discrepancies or damage are to be reported in writing to the Developer.

Before applying to the City for a development permit, the applicant shall submit plans for approval of MARIAH CONSULTING LTD. Application shall include the following:

- a) One complete set of house plans; ¼" or 3/16" = 1'
- b) Two Copies of the Plot plan, prepared by Stantec Geomatics, 1:300, showing lot house grades and drainage pattern, floor and garage elevations; and
- c) Completed application form.
- d) Material and color samples, as required.

Incomplete submissions may be returned without review. MARIAH CONSULTING LTD. will review the plan and recommend approval, modification, or rejection of the application based on the adherence of the plans to these guidelines within 5 days of receipt.

Should disputes arise, the Developer shall make the final decision on the acceptability of plans. Once approved, MARIAH CONSULTING LTD. will send a copy of the application indicating any changes to the applicant. After approval, the plans may not be altered without prior written approval of MARIAH CONSULTING LTD. MARIAH

CONSULTING LTD. will keep an up-to-date record of plans showing house types, color, roof lines and grades, to advise the applicants of how their proposed house will best fit into the existing situation.

Approval of any and all house plans will be at the sole and unfettered discretion of the Developer.

No stakeout will proceed until architectural approval is granted. If final architectural approvals are pending only for the final color selections then conditional approval and stakeout will be granted while the final color selections are finalized.

19.0 Security Deposit

The Security Deposit will be paid to the Vendor to ensure, inter alia, completion with these guidelines, including:

- a. Confirmation that there is no contravention of the architectural requirements in these guidelines; and
- b. To verify that no damage has been made to the Improvements and addition damage to curb stop – water valve, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, driveway aprons and asphalt, boulevard landscaping and trees, rear gutters and walkways, light standards, fire hydrants, cathodic protection points, grading and drainage swales, and fencing.

The amount of the Security deposit will be:

- a. \$5,000.00 for each Lot purchased pursuant to the Lot Purchase and Sale Agreement; or
- b. If the Purchaser forms part of the Vendor's builder group (which determination is to be made by the Vendor in its sole discretion) the sum of \$5,000.00 for all of the Lots purchased in the applicable Subdivision Stage.

19.1 Security Deposit Return Procedure

Upon completion of construction, site works, and landscaping, a final inspection will be completed by the Vendor or the Vendor's Consultant to ensure compliance with the Standard Terms and Conditions of which these guidelines form part. Such inspection shall also be for the purpose of determining if damages have been made to the Improvements and other items referred in paragraph 19 of these guidelines.

Prior to such inspection, the following items must be completed:

- a. The as built single family dwelling(s) on the Lands have been built in accordance with the Design Guidelines in accordance with the plans approved by the Vendor pursuant to paragraph 27 hereof;
- b. The Purchaser has otherwise complied with the Design Guidelines and the Vendor is satisfied that any and all damages to the Improvements (as defined in Schedule "C" hereof) have been rectified and paid for by the Purchaser;
- c. The Purchaser has otherwise fulfilled all of its obligations under the Lot Purchase and Sale Agreement; and
- d. The Vendor has obtained a Final Acceptance Certificate from the Municipality respecting the Subdivision.

To initiate a final inspection, the Purchaser must forward to the Vendor or the Vendor's Consultant a request form accompanied by the approved grading certificate provided by the Municipality.

The Vendor or the Vendor's Consultant will perform pre-Final Acceptance Certificate ("FAC") (as such term is used by the Municipality) inspection and final FAC inspection to identify damages to the Improvements and other items referred to in paragraph 19 of these guidelines. In accordance with the warranty period set forth by the Municipality (it will be 2 years from installation before this inspection will occur)

If the Vendor determines that such damages are the responsibility of the Purchaser or its homeowners, the damages will be repaired or rectified by the Vendor at its option and the cost of same will be deducted from the Security Deposit. If the cost of repair or rectification exceeds the amount of the Security Deposit, the Purchaser shall be liable for any and all additional costs as more particularly detailed in the Standard Terms and Conditions.

The Purchaser acknowledges that the Security Deposit will not be repaid to the Purchaser until the Vendor has obtained the FAC Certificate from the Municipality. Notification of FAC approval and Certificate will be posted to the Vendor's website at www.mlcland.com. The Purchaser acknowledges that FAC approval will take at least two (2) years from the date of the installation of the Vendor's Improvements.

It is the responsibility of the Purchaser to ensure that the Improvements are maintained until FAC is issued by the Municipality and until such time as the Security Deposit is returnable to the Purchaser as aforesaid.

APPLICATION FOR HOUSE PLAN APPROVAL

In the Neighbourhood of

LOT _____ BLOCK _____ PLAN _____ STAGE _____
 CIVIC ADDRESS _____

BUILDER _____ CONTACT _____
 ADDRESS _____ POSTAL CODE _____
 PHONE # _____ FAX # _____ JOB # _____
 HOMEOWNER _____

House Type: Bungalow Bi-level Split 1½ Storey 2 Storey Roof Pitch _____
 _____ sq. ft. Main Floor + _____ sq. ft. Second Floor = _____ sq. ft. TOTAL

	Material	Manufacturer	Color
Roof	_____	_____	_____
Wall Cladding	_____	_____	_____
Soffit/Fascia	_____	_____	_____
Eaves/Downspouts	_____	_____	_____
Trim -Windows/Doors	_____	_____	_____
-Louvers/Shutters	_____	_____	_____
-Shakes/Crezone	_____	_____	_____
Veranda	_____	_____	_____
Brick/Stone	_____	_____	_____
Window Sash/Grills	_____	_____	_____
Entry Door	_____	_____	_____
Garage Door	_____	_____	_____
Driveway/Walkway	_____	_____	_____

SITING AND GRADES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ATTACHED PLOT PLAN PREPARED BY THE DESIGNATED SURVEYOR. THE BUILDER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MEETING THE REQUIRED ELEVATIONS AND ENSURING ACCEPTABLE DRAINAGE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE APPROVED GRADING PLAN AND PLOT PLAN.

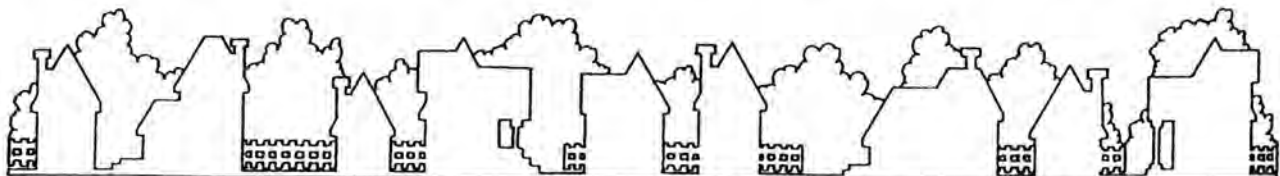
Use of House Plan Approval

The applicant acknowledges that the house plan approval is provided as a service and the Developer and Mariah Consulting Limited assume no responsibility for the accuracy of the information provided or for any losses or damages resulting from the use thereof. The Applicant further acknowledges that he will hold the Developer and Mariah Consulting Limited harmless from any action resulting from the use of this information.

Date _____, 200____ Signature of Applicant _____

MARIAH CONSULTING LIMITED

#210, 9038 - 51 Avenue Edmonton, Alberta T6E 5X4 PHONE: (780) 437 - 3443 FAX: (780) 436 - 5920



**FINAL INSPECTION REQUEST
MARIAH CONSULTING LIMITED**

Lot _____ Block _____ Plan _____ Civic Address _____
 Subdivision _____ Stage _____ Date of Request _____
 Builder _____ Contact _____
 Phone _____ Fax _____

Upon completion of construction, site works and if applicable, landscaping, a final inspection is done to ensure compliance with the architectural guidelines and to check for any damages to municipal improvements. The following items must be completed prior to a request for final inspection: **(Request must be made by or through the Builder)**

- ✓ Home constructed in compliance with the Architectural Guidelines and the approved plan.
- ✓ Construction complete, including seasonal work on exterior. Site cleared of all debris, sidewalks and curbs cleaned, cc exposed and marked.
- ✓ Landscaping complete in accordance with the minimum requirements as set out in the guidelines.
- ✓ Grading Certificate is attached and City Approval of same.
 - Rough
 - Final
- ✓ Fencing completed if required.

~ FOR USE BY CONSULTANT ONLY ~

Grading _____ Architectural Guidelines _____ Landscaping _____ Damages _____

Comments/Deficiencies: _____ In Compliance: YES / NO

Inspected by: Mariah Consulting Limited Date: _____

Reporting Date: _____ Reported to: Developer and Builder

Attachments: Yes _____ No _____

Re-Inspection Request (when needed)

Date: _____

We hereby confirm that **all** deficiencies have been rectified _____
Builder Signature

Re-Inspection Completed: _____

Comments: _____

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