

**OAKWOOD ESTATES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**RAIN BARREL POLICY**

STATE OF TEXAS                   §  
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COUNTY OF HARRIS           §

**I.     PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Rain Barrel Policy (this “**Policy**”) is to provide guidance regarding the installation of rain barrels pursuant to Texas Property Code Section 202.007(d). The Board of Directors (the “**Board**”) of the Oakwood Estates Community Association, Inc. (the “**Association**”) has determined that it is in the best interest of the Association to establish this Policy concerning the installation of rain barrels on property subject to its jurisdiction.

**II.    APPLICABILITY AND AUTHORITY**

The property encumbered by this Policy is that property restricted by the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for Oakwood Estates, recorded in the Official Public Records of Harris County, Texas, under Clerk’s File No. RP-2022-380139, as same has been or may be amended from time to time (the “**Declaration**”), and any other property which has been or may be subsequently annexed into Oakwood Estates and made subject to the authority of the Association.

All capitalized terms used in this Policy are defined in the same manner as set forth in the Declaration and the interpretation provision set forth in the Declaration applies to this Policy, which definitions and interpretation provision are incorporated in this Policy by this reference.

Any reference made in this Policy to approval by the Architectural Review Committee (the “**ARC**”), means prior written approval by the ARC.

Pursuant to the Dedicatory Instruments governing the Property, the Association is vested with the authority to adopt policies, rules, and guidelines.

Pursuant to the authority granted in Section 202.007(d) of the Texas Property Code, the Board adopts this Policy, which runs with the land and is binding on all Owners and Lots within the Property. This Policy is effective upon the recording of same. This Policy replaces any previously recorded or implemented policy that addresses the subjects contained in this Policy.

Invalidation of any one or more of the covenants, conditions, restrictions, or provisions contained in this Policy will in no way affect any one of the other covenants, conditions, restrictions, or provisions of this Policy, which remain in full force and effect.

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### III. RAIN BARREL POLICY

An application must be submitted for review by the ARC, and formal written approval from the ARC is required before installation may begin.

#### 1. RAIN BARRELS

##### A. Prohibited Rainwater Harvesting Systems/Rain Barrels

Rainwater harvesting systems or rain barrels (collectively referred to as “**Rain Barrels**”) are prohibited in the following circumstances:

1. Rain Barrels that are located on property owned by the Association;
2. Rain Barrels that are located on property that is owned in common by the Members of the Association;
3. Rain Barrels that are located between the front of the Owner’s home and an adjoining or adjacent street;
4. Rain Barrels that are of a color not consistent with the color scheme of the home; and
5. Rain Barrels that display language or content other than the manufacturer’s typical display.

##### B. Rain Barrels Located in Areas Visible from a Street, Lot, or Common Area:

Rain Barrels that are located on the side of a house or at any other location that is visible from a street, another Lot, or a Common Area must comply with the following:

1. Rain Barrels must have adequate screening, as determined by the ARC;
2. Only commercial and professional grade Rain Barrels are permitted;
3. All Rain Barrels must be fully enclosed and have a proper screen or filter to prevent mosquito breeding and harboring; and
4. Rain Barrels may not create unsanitary conditions or be of nuisance to any neighboring properties.

#### 2. ARC APPROVAL

An applicant’s submission of plans must include a completed application for ARC review and a site plan showing the proposed location of the improvement, along with pictures showing the location of the modification and the manufacturer’s brochures or a



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RECORDERS MEMORANDUM

This instrument was received and recorded electronically and any blackouts, additions or changes were present at the time the instrument was filed and recorded.

Any provision herein which restricts the sale, rental, or use of the described real property because of color or race is invalid and unenforceable under federal law.

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF HARRIS

I hereby certify that this instrument was FILED in File Number Sequence on the date and at the time stamped hereon by me; and was duly RECORDED in the Official Public Records of Real Property of Harris County, Texas.



*Teneshia Hudspeth*  
COUNTY CLERK  
HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

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