

## Introduction to the Eagle Lake Community Design Guidelines

If you are new to the Eagle Lake community, please receive our warmest welcome. If you have been enjoying Eagle Lake for many years already, then you already know what a special place it is. Carefully crafted houses are hidden among the trees with beautiful vistas onto the Georgia Strait, or onto the 17-acre lake or nestled in the forest. Community maintained trails take you through Eagle Lake's 300 acres of private land and let you access the adjacent Moran State Park. There are a few, simple, obligations born from the desire to create and maintain the beautiful environment that we all enjoy. Many of these obligations are synthesized in the attached Eagle Lake Association Design Guidelines. This document contains the set of rules that we, as a community have committed to follow when building a house, modifying the exterior appearance of a house, repainting it – even in the same color - or re-roofing it, and landscaping. The Design Guidelines document is easy to read while providing clear and detailed instructions. It is in great part because the members of the community, over the years, have followed these rules, that Eagle Lake is the wonderful place that it is. To keep it that way, we highly recommend everyone to familiarize themselves with these Design Guidelines. At a minimum, please read this introduction, and never hesitate to contact the Design Review Committee if you have any question or any doubt about what is allowed, and what requires authorization by the Design Review Committee.

Sincerely,

The Design Review Committee

### FAQ

Q – Do I need authorization before I perform any exterior work even if I believe I am following the guidelines?

A – Yes, all exterior work that changes or has the potential to change the appearance of a house or a lot needs to be pre-approved by the Design Review Committee prior to starting any work. This includes anything from major re-landscaping, adding a window, modifying a deck or patio, repainting – even in the “same” color, as experience shows that there is rarely such a thing as “same” – or re-roofing. Never hesitate to contact the Design Review Committee if you have any doubt. It is a lot easier to ask before, than having to repaint a house (ouch!)

Note: Cutting down a few under-sized trees (“non-protected trees” – please refer to the Guidelines) or removal of brush does not require pre-approval. However, it is best to notify the Design Review Committee for any extensive work being performed. Again, please check the Design Guidelines.

Q – How do I reach the Design Review Committee?

A – The members of the Design Review Committee can be reached all at once by sending an email to [eaglelakedrc@gmail.com](mailto:eaglelakedrc@gmail.com). You are likely to receive at least an acknowledgment within hours.



Q – How long does it take to get an approval?

A – This will of course depend on the nature of the request and whether more information is needed. Although the Design Review Committee is made of volunteers from the community, we strive to respond quickly. It is best to allow for a few days before a formal response can be sent. Simple questions or simple requests have been responded to sometimes within hours or a couple of days. More complex requests, such as for building a new home, will require multiple discussions and onsite meetings. Such processes are detailed in the Design Guidelines.

Q – What if I disagree with the Design Review Committee?

A – The Design Review Committee is tasked, per the CC&Rs, with applying the rules set in the Design Guidelines, while also committed to helping all members of the community. However, if you find yourself in disagreement with the committee's decision, there is an appeal process described in the Design Guidelines that includes an elevation to the ELCA Board if needed.