

Subject: Christmas Decorations

Reference: The Secretary's email to all Association members dated 1 December 2020.

Definitions declared by the Secretary:

"Decorations – *Something that adorns, enriches, or beautifies. Holiday decorations are ornamentations representative of a holiday. Decorations may not contain any information associated with a sign."*

"Sign – *Display that advertises by promoting a business or service, or provides contact information such as a name, phone number, web or physical address."*

According to **reference**, which proposes new Woodlake "policy" concerning holiday **decorations** on private properties in Woodlake (Christmas, New Years, Easter and beyond), holiday decorations may not contain "*a name, phone number, web or physical address*". Additionally, the holiday decoration must be "*Something that adorns, enriches, or beautifies*" in the opinion of the board of directors.

So, for example, if your Christian or Jewish or Islamic holiday "decoration" does not adorn, enrich, or beautify your property *in the opinion of our elite board of directors*, a property owner will be in violation of Woodlake policy and subject to monetary sanctions and/or legal action. Even if your decoration meets the board's standard of "adorn, enrich, beautify," you may not reveal, on the decoration itself, who offered the holiday greeting. So, do not display that your holiday greeting is from the Grand family or the Lovorn family or you will be in clear violation of the board's standards.

A major criterion of restrictive covenants and HOA "policy" is that restrictions must be in the "interest" of the larger neighborhood. Not in the undefined interest of the current board of directors. The arbitrary and capricious definitions listed above are an attempt by the board of directors to impose its own subjective standards on property owners. It is another "no-go" in the recent board of director parade of errors.

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