

Basketball Hoops on Individual Property

Reference: The Covenant for the New Neighborhood

The relevant section of the Covenant is as follows:

Exhibit “C” Initial Canons of Conduct

2. Restricted Activities. The following activities are prohibited within all Peer Groups unless expressly authorized by, and then subject to such conditions as may be imposed by, the Council of Stewards:

(w) Any construction, erection, placement, or modification of any thing, permanently or temporarily, on the outside portions of the Unit, whether such portion is improved or unimproved, except in strict compliance with the provisions of Article V of the Covenant. This shall include, without limitation, signs, **basketball hoops**, swing sets, and similar sports and play equipment; clotheslines; garbage cans; woodpiles; above-ground swimming pools; docks, piers, and similar structures; and hedges, walls, dog runs, animal pens, or fences of any kind.

As noted, basketball hoops on individual property are not permitted, but may be allowed by the Council of Stewards with conditions that may be imposed. This document outlines the conditions under which basketball hoops may be used on individual property.

Conditions for Use of Basketball Hoops on Individual Property

The primary objections to basketball are visual impact of the hoop, noise, and the ball finding its way onto a neighbor’s property. In order to promote good neighborly relations, the Council of Stewards imposes the following conditions on each home with a basketball hoop.

1. It is the responsibility of the property owner with the basketball hoop to insure that all activities are conducted in such a way as to not create a problem with the neighbors. If there are complaints from the neighbors, the basketball activity must cease until differences can be worked out. It is the responsibility of the property owner with the basketball hoop to resolve the differences. If they cannot be resolved, then the basketball activities must cease permanently.
2. Basketball hoops are permitted for individual homes only. They are not permitted with town homes.
3. Where possible, the basketball hoop should be located in the back yard.
4. The hoop should be located in a position that minimizes the chance that the basketball will leave the property where the hoop is located.
5. Whether temporary or permanent, the basketball hoop and support structure should be constructed and installed or set up in a way that is consistent with the quality and visual appeal of the neighborhood. [In order to best maintain the visual appeal of the neighborhood beyond conditions outlined in this standard, any permanent installation (in-ground or attached) must receive approval of the Architectural Review Committee as per provisions of Article V of the Covenant.]
6. The basketball hoop must be well maintained without broken parts, chipped paint, rust, or other maintenance issues which detract from their appearance.
7. Hours of activity are limited to from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM or sunset, whichever comes first.
8. Use of the basketball hoop should not be a major activity and should typically be limited to an hour or less a day.
9. Reasonable effort should be made to keep the noise down.