

**TREE TOPS**  
**GUIDELINES FOR PLAN APPROVAL**

Tree Tops is an innovative plan for a quality residential community that blends with the countryside while preserving the natural character of the land. The site plan, which features curved streets, landscaped courts, ponds and generous open space will encourage higher quality homes with enhanced property values. Deed restrictions will require better architectural treatment on all building elevations. Consideration of the following guidelines must be given in the design of your home.

**Minimum Size:** Minimum home size must conform to the recorded Declaration of Restrictions (2000 square foot minimum for a one story home, 2200 square foot minimum for all others).

**Garages:** Homes must have an attached garage for at least two cars. The maximum size of the garage must conform to Village ordinances. Wherever possible garage entrances must be on the side of the building.

**Windows:** When shutters are used on the front of a home, they must also be used on appropriate windows on the sides and rear. This also applies to window casings, window grids and other trim features on the home. Casings of at least four inches in width must be used on all windows without shutters and on all doors. The developer may require the placement of windows in walls that would otherwise be blank or featureless. The developer may require grids or muntin bars in all windows. An attractive, balanced exterior design will usually take precedence over concerns about furniture arrangement.

**Siding:** The exterior walls of the home and attached garage must be constructed of wood, brick, stone or stucco. Certain manufactured exterior siding, trim and stone products may be allowed upon specific approval of the developer but in no event will aluminum, vinyl, or steel siding be acceptable. Windows may be vinyl or aluminum clad. Shutters may be textured vinyl. Soffits may be aluminum or vinyl. Garage and service doors may be wood, steel or fiberglass and must have a raised panel or similar decorative design. The variety of exterior materials should be kept to a minimum and must be used consistently on all elevations.

**Masonry:** Although there is no minimum brick or stone requirement, if masonry material is used on the exterior walls it should, if possible, terminate only at an inside corner. In the event it is not possible to terminate these materials at an inside corner, the materials must then terminate at a corner board at least six inches in width. If brick quoins or similar details are used at outside corners it will be acceptable to terminate the masonry by extending it around the corner the full width of the quoin. If stone (not brick) is used on exterior walls it will also be acceptable to terminate the stone by extending it around a corner for a distance of at least one foot. Other exterior material such as lap siding must also terminate at an inside corner or at a wide corner board.

**Bays and Chimney Chases:** Any bays and other projections which extend down to the top of the foundation level, must have a foundation beneath. "Hung bays" not extending down to the foundation are permitted if supported by appropriate brackets. Chimney chases must have a foundation beneath.

**Roof:** All two story and story and one-half residence roofs must have a minimum pitch of eight feet in height for each twelve feet in length (8/12), except for rear dormers on a story and one-half residence. All one-story residence roofs must have a minimum pitch of ten feet in height for each twelve feet in length (10/12). A lower minimum roof pitch may be allowed in special circumstances if approved in writing by the developer.

Roof material must be either wood shakes or textured dimensional shingles in a "weatherwood" color.

**Sloped Lots:** The developer may require on sloping lots that certain basement walls be exposed to minimize the impact on trees, vegetation and drainage as well as allow for a more natural transition between homes. Any exposed basement or foundation walls must be covered with masonry veneer, plaster or siding materials used on the walls above. Garages must be constructed on the high side of the lot unless a special exception is approved by the developer.

**Setbacks:** The minimum setback from any street is 40 feet. On corner lots the minimum setbacks are 40 feet from the front street and 35 feet from the side street. The minimum side yard offset is 10 feet on one side and 15 feet on the other. The minimum rear yard is 30 feet. The minimum setback from any mapped wetland is 25 feet. The area covered by the building may not exceed 25% of the area of the lot.

**Colors:** The number of exterior colors should be kept to a minimum. It is recommended that a maximum of two colors be used on the walls and trim and one color for such items as shutters and doors.

**Miscellaneous:**

1. Homes that are too similar in appearance will not be permitted to be constructed in close proximity to one another.
2. The deed restrictions prohibit outbuildings such as storage sheds. Please make sufficient provisions for storage within the perimeter of the home.
3. The house and attached garage must be completed within one year from the start of construction, including basic landscaping. Basic landscaping is defined as seeding or sodding the entire lot.
4. All driveways must be paved within one year from the start of construction. Village ordinances require driveways to be at least 6 feet from lot lines.
5. Upon completion of their home each owner is required to install a Northeast Lantern #1033 outdoor electric lamp with a WC-100 cedar post and photoelectric control. The location of this lamp shall be on the front lot line, eight feet from the house side of the driveway. The lamp shall be maintained by the lot owner in a proper operating manner. Each owner is also required to install a Cedar Knoll Manufacturing "Jefferson" mailbox and post. The mailbox location will be as directed by the local Postmaster. Maintenance and repair of the mailbox is the responsibility of the lot owner. The estimated cost of this lamp, post and mailbox is about \$925.00 and shall be paid at closing.
6. Each lot owner, at the time of home construction, will be responsible for grading their lot so as to direct drainage toward the street or other established drainageway and to prevent an increase in drainage onto neighboring property. In addition, at the time of construction, erosion control measures must be installed and maintained according to the Declaration of Restrictions and the standards and specifications set forth in Wisconsin Construction Site Best Management Practices Handbook and/or local ordinances.
7. Before construction begins on a lot all erosion control measures must be in place and the topsoil must be stripped from the entire area that will be disturbed and stockpiled on site. These may be done either before or after the house has been staked out on the lot, but must be completed before the house plans will be approved by Siepmann Realty Corp.
8. No mast-type antenna may be mounted or installed on any roof. Satellite dish antennas may not have a diameter in excess of 24 inches and are to be placed to the extent feasible in a location that is not visible from the street while still permitting reception of an acceptable quality signal.

**Landscaping and other features:** The entire lot must be sodded or seeded within one year of the start of construction. All driveways must be paved within one year from the start of construction. All swimming pools must be inground. Retaining walls are to be constructed of natural stone or wood timbers or specifically approved artificial stone products only. Fences are to be of a decorative style. Chainlink and privacy fences are not allowed. Landscape features must not obstruct or interfere with construction of lot line drainage swales. Play structures, play houses and dog kennels are allowed, subject to specific provisions of the Declaration of Restrictions.

**Approvals:** All house plans, yard grades and stake out surveys must be approved by Siepmann Realty Corp. prior to beginning any construction. Siepmann Realty Corp. must also approve all fences, decks, swimming pools, retaining walls and other landscape features. All swimming pools must be in-ground. Retaining walls are to be constructed of natural stone, wood timbers or specifically approved artificial stone products. Fences are to be of a decorative style. Chainlink and privacy fences are not allowed.

In order to properly evaluate a design, the developer may require that house plans submitted for approval be drawn by a professional home designer or architect. Submittal of a preliminary plan for review prior to preparation of final plans is highly recommended

It is the intention of the developer to assist the lot owners in achieving a compatible arrangement of quality homes. These guidelines are intended to augment certain provisions of the Declaration of Restrictions. Refer to the declaration for other requirements not included in these guidelines.