



PWC Neighborhood Conference

Covenants Enforcement

Best Practices & Preparing for Annual Inspections

Cardinal is a community management company founded in 1987. We take pride in the communities we serve by offering tailored management solutions that fit your needs.





About Cardinal Management Group, Inc.

- Local, Family Owned, AAMC, VACM
- 38 years in business
- Focus on tailored management to fit each community's needs and expectations
- Offices in Woodbridge, Springfield, Fairfax, Fredericksburg, and Naples, Florida
- Dedicated to hands-on, proactive service
- Winners of almost 20 WMCCAI Community Association of the Year awards



Today's Presenters

Victoria Garner

Executive Vice President



I have nearly 20 years of community association management experience and have been a Cardinal Management Group team member for 16 years. I carry the CMCA, AMS, and PCAM designations issued by the Community Association Institute. I serve on the WMCCAI Quorum Committee and am a contributing author to Quorum Magazine.

Ashley Gonzalez

Portfolio Manager & Education & Learning Administrator



I have nearly 25 years of property management experience; eight of those focused in Association management and have been a member of the Cardinal Management Group team for 2 years. I am results driven and strongly focus on building positive client, colleague and vendor relationships. I believe that communication is the key to a successful community and to maintaining the quality standard of living for those living in the communities we manage.



Covenants Enforcement

- One of the most important and sometimes unpleasant duties we have is to enforce the covenants.
 - o General and routine violations
 - Trash cans
 - Lawn maintenance
 - Parking violations
 - o Annual Inspections
 - Replace missing shutters
 - Paint the hand railings
 - Pressure wash the home



Overview

- Defining Inspection Types
- Due Process & Guidelines
- Best Practices
- Clarity of Terminology
- Construction Component Definitions
- Hearing Reminders



Types of Inspections

- What is an Annual Inspection?
 - Frequency
 - o Completed 1X, maybe 2X
 - o Items that occur every 6 months or more
 - Complaint Driven Enforcement
 - Covenants vs. Annual
 - o Rules vs. Maintenance
 - o Think Architectural, Structural, Require a Contractor?
 - Curbside/Routine vs. Annual
 - o Curbside Inspections Routine



Before You Get Started

- Do you have the authority to enforce?
 - Monetary penalties, self-help, suspension of privileges, judicial action
 - Recorded documents
 - VA Legislation
- Do you have clear rules, restrictions, and guidelines?
- Do you have a transparent due process resolution?
 - Equal, fair, and consistent enforcement



Keys to Successful Covenants Enforcement

- Managing EXPECTATIONS
- Implementing Strategic Communications Plan
- Improving the QUALITY OF RESULTS
- Increase CONSISTENCY
- MINIMIZING Complaints
- Reducing CONFUSION

Best Practices



- Setting Expectations
 - o Schedule and Deadlines
 - Set a Realistic Schedule for Completion
 - Will the inspection be conducted in phases?
 - Who will conduct the inspections?
 - o Priorities
 - Areas of Focus vs. Areas of Lesser Concern
 - o Shutters, Power washing, driveway maintenance etc.
 - o Trash Cans visible
 - o Board/Committee Participation
 - o Initial Walk-Through/Inspection
 - o Sample Results



Best Practices contd.

- Prepare the Owners
 - o Advanced Notice Heads up and time to prepare!
 - Postcard
 - Email Blast
 - Website Posting
 - Bulletin Board Notice
 - o Setting Owner Expectations
 - When is the inspection going to take place?
 - What will we be looking for?
 - What is the purpose and goal?



Clarity of Terms

Terminology - WORDS MATTER!

- Clean Gutters vs. Power wash Gutters
- Power wash stoop vs. Clean Stoop
- Landscape Maintenance Required
 - Pruning?
 - Weeding?
 - Lawn or Beds?
- Repair, Replace OR Repaint?
 - Application required first?
- Remember, it's what the problem is, not how to fix it...

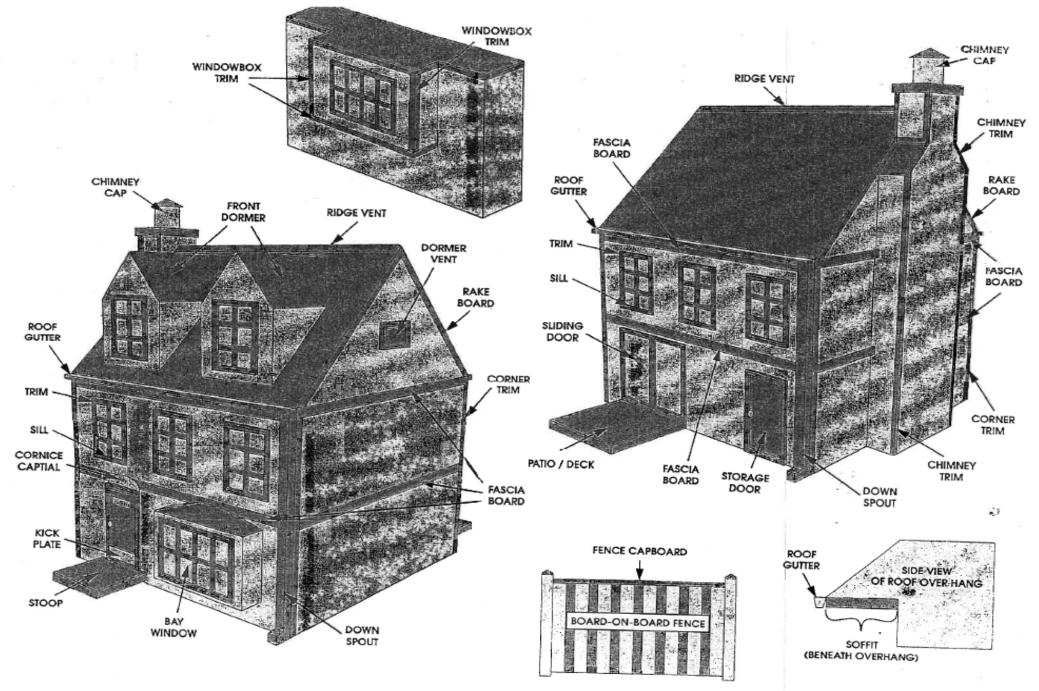


Manage the Process

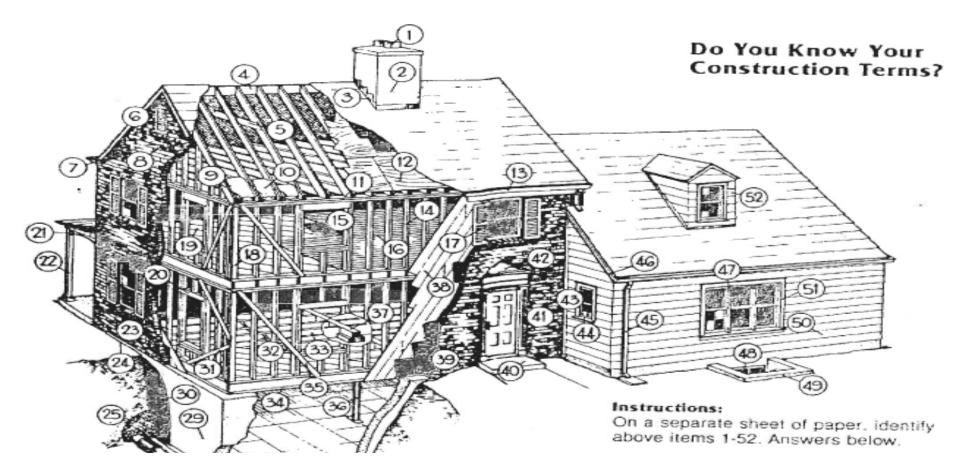
...and the frustration

- Do it Right the First Time
 - o Control the Stress
 - Include a photo
 - Include an ACCURATE & CLEAR Description of Violation & Citation
 - Include a Home Diagram with Construction Terms
 - Provide a clear and reasonable deadline for correction
 - Offer a means to request an extension or appeal







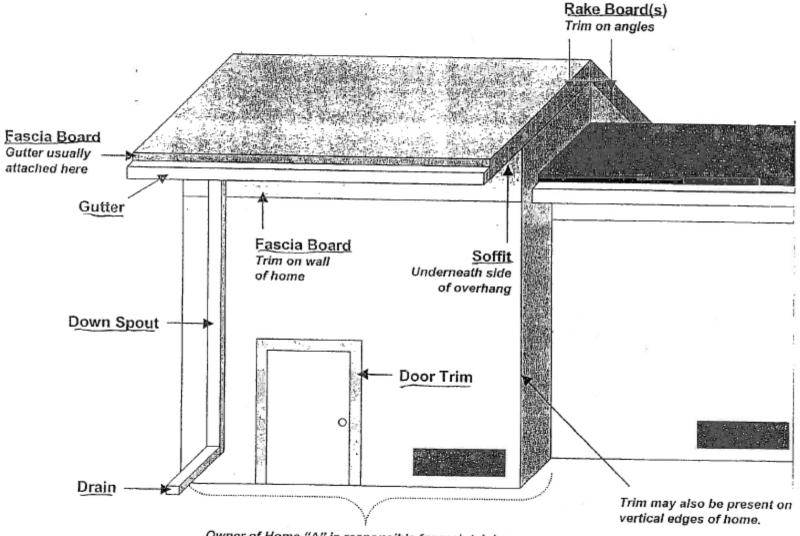


Answers:

1. Chimney flues 2. Chimney 3. Step flashing 4. Ridgeboard 5. Collar beam 6. Cable vent 7. Cornice return 6. Brick veneer	9 Endirafter 10 Insulation 11 Too gouble plate 12 Roof decking or sheathing 13 Gutter 14 Stud 15 Flooring paper 16 Finish Booring	17. Shutter 18. Corner post 19. Subfloor 20. Header 21. Frieze board 22. Post 23. Brick sill 24. Grade line	25. Gravel fill 26. Drain file 27. Footing 28. Keyway 29. Foundation wall 30. Waterproofing 31. Kneebrace		42 Pediment door trim 43. Double-hung window	
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Home Exteriors...



Owner of Home "A" is responsible for maintaining the entire dwelling, regardless of side visibility.



Hearings

- Notice of Hearing
 - o 14 Days VA
 - o Time, Date and Place of Hearing
 - o Potential Penalties and/or Sanctions
- Results of Hearing
 - o 7 Days from Date of Hearing
 - Decision of the Board of Directors
 - o Very important. Actions not enforceable if ROH are not issue



THANK

Does any one have any questions? We'd love to hear from you!

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