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## **HARVEST BEND, THE MEADOW HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

# GUIDELINES FOR RAINWATER RECOVERY SYSTEMS

STATE OF TEXAS §  
COUNTY OF HARRIS § KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

WHEREAS, HARVEST BEND, THE MEADOW HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION ("Association") is charged with administering and enforcing those certain covenants, conditions and restrictions contained in the recorded Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Harvest Bend, The Meadow and any Amendments thereto (referred to collectively as the "Declaration"); and

WHEREAS, § 202.007(d) of the TEXAS PROPERTY CODE was added effective September 1, 2011, regulating rain barrels and rainwater harvesting systems (referred to collectively as Rainwater Recovery Systems); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Association has determined that in connection with maintaining the aesthetics and architectural harmony of the community, and to provide clear and definitive guidance regarding the installation and maintenance of Rainwater Recovery Systems therein, it is appropriate for the Association to adopt guidelines regarding Rainwater Recovery Systems.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board has duly adopted the following *Guidelines for Rainwater Recovery Systems* within the community.

1. Rainwater Recovery Systems may be installed with the advance written approval of the Architectural Review Committee subject to these guidelines.

2. All such Systems must be installed on land owned by the property owner. No portion of the Systems may encroach on adjacent properties or common areas.

3. Other than gutters and downspouts conventionally attached to a dwelling or appurtenant structure, all components of the Systems, such as tanks, barrels, filters, pumps, motors, pressure tanks, pipes and hoses, must be substantially screened from public view from any street or common area. Screening may be accomplished by:

- a. placement behind a solid fence, a structure or vegetation;
- b. by burying the tanks or barrels; or
- c. by placing equipment in an outbuilding otherwise approved by Architectural Review Committee.

4. A rain barrel may be placed in a location visible from public view from any street or

common area only if the configuration of the guttering system on the structure precludes screening as described above with the following restrictions:

- a. the barrel must not exceed 55 gallons;
- b. the barrel must be installed in close proximity to the structure on a level base with the guttering downspout leading directly to the barrel inlet at a substantially vertical angle;
- c. the barrel must be fully painted in a single color to blend with the adjacent home or vegetation; and
- d. any hose attached to the barrel discharge must be neatly coiled and stored behind or beside the rain barrel in the least visible position when not in use.

5. Overflow lines from the Systems must not be directed onto or adversely affect adjacent properties or common areas.

6. Inlets, ports, vents and other openings must be sealed or protected with mesh to prevent children, animals and debris from entering the barrels, tanks or other storage devices. Open top storage containers are not allowed, however, where space allows and where appropriate, Architectural Review Committee approved ponds may be used for water storage.

7. Harvested water must be used and not allowed to become stagnant or a threat to health.

8. All Systems must be maintained in good repair. Unused Systems should be drained and disconnected from the gutters. Any unused Systems in public view must be removed from public view from any street or common area.

The guidelines are effective upon recordation in the Public Records of Harris County, and supersede any guidelines for rainwater recovery systems which may have previously been in effect. Except as affected by Section 202.007 and/or by these guidelines, all other provisions contained in the Declaration or any other dedicatory instruments of the Association shall remain in full force and effect.

Approved and adopted by the Board on this 20 day of April, 2012.

HARVEST BEND, THE MEADOW  
HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

FILED FOR RECORD  
8:00 AM

By: Gloria A. Valigura  
GLORIA A. VALIGURA, President

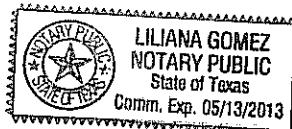
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Stan Stewart  
County Clerk, Harris County, Texas

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Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared GLORIA A. VALIGURA, President of HARVEST BEND, THE MEADOW HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, a Texas non-profit corporation, known to me to be the person and officer whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he had executed the same as the act of said corporation for the purpose and consideration therein expressed, and in the capacity therein stated.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012.



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STATE OF TEXAS

ANY PROVISION HEREIN WHICH RESTRICTS THE SALE, RENTAL, OR USE OF THE DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY BECAUSE OF COLOR OR RACE IS INVALID AND UNENFORCEABLE UNDER FEDERAL LAW.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF HARRIS

I hereby certify that this instrument was FILED in File Number Sequenced on the date and at the time stamped herein by me, and was duly RECORDED, in the Office of the County Clerk of Real Property of Harris County, Texas.

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Stan Stewart  
COUNTY CLERK  
HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

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