



The Estates  
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The many unique characteristics of the Spring Creek Ranch community make it unlike any other in the Mid-South and beyond. Our vision for the community in both its community elements as well as the new homes within it can be summed up by the term “understated eloquence”. Nothing fancy or overblown, but everything thoughtful and well executed with quality materials and craftsmanship. The Estates were strategically curated to showcase the natural beauty of this historic cattle ranch and its extraordinary topography. Thoughtfully carved into over sixty acres of hardwoods and rolling meadowlands, these 24 premiere lots are offered as a tranquil enclave of large rural home sites. Where the deer and wildlife wonder freely. The homes in The Estate should set the highest of standards for the quality and craftsmanship of all the architecture within the gated confines at Spring Creek Ranch. In order to ensure homes of superior quality and architectural compatibility, lot owners must select design professionals from an approved list of local and regional architects.

The homes of the Grand Manor are meant to be traditional in nature. English styles such as Elizabethan and Tudor, Georgian, Neo-Classical, Norman, French Country, and French Colonial will be well suited to the pastoral setting of Spring Creek Ranch. Lot owners will have the opportunity to choose from a list of some of the nation’s finest architects to design their homes, so that architectural quality and long-term value remain top priorities. The careful inclusion of these European historical styles reinforces the dominant cultural history of the Mid-South and allows commissioned architects to take on the responsibility of featuring the best aspects of a given style in their work.

When designing your home plans, please keep in mind the following architectural requirements. Prior to beginning construction, your plans, including a site plan, must be reviewed and approved in writing by the Architectural Control Committee (ACC). To avoid monotony and ensure design variety, homes with substantially similar front elevations shall not be constructed on the same street. Homes shall vary the building materials so as not to be the same as those next door, across the street or in near proximity of each other. **Due to their prominent location, certain lots are critical to the overall success of the community. Lots 317, 321 and 372 have been designated as Special Architectural Control lots.** Additional architectural review and attention to detailing of the homes and landscape may be required.

The first step in the design review process will consist of an informal sketch review with the builder and architect, during which we will discuss the general concept of the plan, including the orientation of the house and the garage on the lot, and together agree on any necessary improvements or changes. In addition, your landscape plan must be approved prior to installation

of the driveway. The Homeowners Association may impose a substantial fine against anyone who starts construction **prior** to plans approval.

**Architects:**

All exterior elevations **must** be designed by one of the following architects:

**Looney, Ricks, Kiss**                      J. Carson Looney  
50 South B.B. King Blvd, Suite 600  
Memphis, Tennessee 38103  
Phone: 521-1440

**McClure Architecture**                530 Oak Court Dr., Suite 321  
Memphis, Tennessee 38117  
Phone: 767-6640

**Bill Stevens**                              Phone: 530-2948

**Charles Shipp**                           4646 Poplar Ave., Suite 244  
Memphis, Tennessee 38117  
Phone: 680-0204

**Shapiro & Company  
Architects, Inc.**                        Brad Shapiro  
435 Madison Ave., Suite 200  
Memphis, Tennessee 38103  
Phone: 685-9001

**David Anderson**                        4646 Poplar Ave., Suite 102  
Memphis, TN 38117  
Phone: 786-8494

**Jeff Bramlett**                            194 Washington St  
Collierville, Tennessee 38017  
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1133 Polo Dr., Suite 105  
Collierville, Tennessee 38017  
Phone: 854-6900

**Design Guidelines**

1. **Building Orientation:** The orientation of each home in The Estates should exhibit design sensitivity to the golf course, private roadways, neighboring home sites, and topography. Massing as well as building orientation should have the effect of minimizing or

eliminating privacy concerns between two adjacent lots. That is, no aspect of a particular building orientation or its massing should compromise significantly the privacy of homes on neighboring lots. The minimum required heated and finished area is 4,500 square feet.

2. **Utility Service Elements:** Every effort should be made by designers to locate utility service elements in a way that ensures they are not visible from streets. This includes the physical location and the permanent architectural treatment(s) as needed to hide them.
3. **Overall House Image:** Each home should express consistent architectural vocabulary and a unified design philosophy. This is not to say that variation of materials and details is prohibited, but rather that a cohesive approach and a sense that all architectural elements hail from the same lexicon is essential to ensuring the quality and value of the homes.
4. **Relationship to Existing and Proposed Buildings:** Great care must be taken to respect the siting and disposition of the proposed homes. It would be inappropriate for one home – through orientation, placement within terrain, or massing, to detract from the intrinsic value of another home.
5. **Raised First Floor Elevation:** All finished first floor elevations must be raised 24”-30” above the existing grade at the front entrance. A raised first floor elevation contributes value to a house by adding a sense of ceremony to the entry sequence as well as communicating a sense of stability and strength regarding the architectural structure. Homes in The Estates should employ raised first floor elevations, though the precise articulation and height will depend greatly upon the stylistic approach found in the home’s overall design. Due to the topography, some of the lots are especially suited for walk out basements or balconies towards the golf course. The back elevations shall be handled in an architecturally respectful manner of the views from the golf course.
6. **Scale and Proportion:** Appropriate architectural scale and proportion is essential to realization of superior home designs. Massing elements must relate proportionally, and great care should characterize the design of other architectural elements whose quality is determined both by appropriate scale and proportion, including but not limited to windows, cornice details, and other aspects of façade articulation. Homes in the Grand Manor should exhibit thoughtful shifts in scale between details and larger architectural features, if not a bias toward Classical proportions. The comprehensive vision of the The Estates is one of timelessness and grace, where beautiful homes of different architectural epochs capture the best features and qualities of their chosen stylistic approach without undue exaggeration or trendy methods of modification. The homes should be sited in a manner to maintain as much of the natural tree cover as possible. Clear cutting and leveling the entire lot will not be permitted.
7. **Rooflines and Materials:** Appropriate roof materials include: slate, copper, terne metal, high quality wood shingles and wood shakes. Some composition roof materials, including CertainTeed’s Grand Manor shingles, could also be appropriate in certain settings and

conditions. The placement and design of roof elements is very important from the standpoint of street and golf course visibility. All vents, exhaust pipes, and other utility objects should be placed so that they are not visible from the roadway and minimized from the golf course. Any exposed flashing must be copper.

8. **Materials and Colors:** Appropriate long term building materials of enduring value include stone, brick, real stucco, limestone, and high quality wood with combined palettes appropriate to the chosen architectural style. Color schemes should tend towards neutral earth tone palettes and should avoid trendy and/or stark color combinations. An on-site material mock up is required for all homes. This mock up should include the brick and mortar/veneer material, cornice detailing, roof material shown at proposed pitch and all paint colors. Brick must be queen or modular size.
9. **Front Entry, Details, Porches, and Columns:** These critical façade elements must be appropriately designed to ensure proper proportions. Façade details should be adequately scaled and articulated while columns are massed and spaced according to finer architectural traditions.
10. **Doors, Windows, and Shutters:** Scale and choice of material are of utmost importance for the design of doors, windows, and shutters. Doors must be appropriately framed and detailed according to location and divided light or simulated divided light windows are the standard. Shutters must be proportionate to windows and operable.
11. **Type and Level of Detailing:** All architectural detailing should be appropriate for the chosen style and different types of details within one given house should relate to a consistent design philosophy. A high level of detail, expressive of care and precision, is important to the overall architectural quality of the house and is the standard for homes in the Grand Manor.
12. **Landscape, Hardscape, and Site Amenities:** Landscape and hardscape strategies should be well-integrated and should consider all weather and site conditions. Use of material and shifting scales of design and detail are critical for achieving high-quality results. Street trees as determined on a case-by-case basis by the Developer will be required on some lots.
13. **Fences:** While not required, if a fence is desired along the rear property line of lots 317-324, it must be a 6-foot-tall SCR standard wood fence. For consistency with the neighbors in The Retreat, these fences cannot be stained or painted. They may be sealed/protected, but only with a high-quality clear sealant. Fences requested on the side property lines of lots 317-324 shall be either be a three-rail fence (per the dark green SCR Standard) or a 6-foot-tall wooden fence standard approved by the ACC on a case-by-case basis. Front yard fences are permitted along the side property lines of lots 357-372 on a case-by-case basis and must be a 3-rail fence (per SCR standard). If a fence is erected down the back and side property lines of Lots 357-367, along the golf course, it must be a 3-rail fence (per the

dark green SCR standard). All other privacy fencing shall be approved on a case-by-case basis and shall occur behind the primary structure (15' beyond front edge of house). Fencing visible from the private roadways shall be completely hidden with evergreen plant materials as approved by the ACC.

14. **Driveways:** For consistency, the first 50 feet of all driveways shall be 4,000 psi exposed aggregate concrete (pea gravel with red sand mix only). Brick, and/or pavers may be permitted in the first 50-foot zone on a case by case basis. But only with prior approval in writing from the ACC. Beyond the first 50 feet may be pea gravel chip seal, double bituminous surface treatment DBST paving or asphalt using a brown pea gravel aggregate in the surface layer (similar to TDOT mix 411-D). The location and orientation of the driveway must be shown on the site plan and approved with the house plans.
15. **Mailboxes:** All residents in The Estates shall retrieve their mail from the from the USPS common mail kiosk located on Miss Camryn Lane. The kiosk will be owned and maintained by the homeowner's association.
16. **Streetlights:** Each home site is required to install a Spring Creek Ranch standard streetlight on each lot. This light shall be installed per the street lighting plan prepared by the developer and shall be wired to the home using a dedicated circuit without a GFI and must have a dusk till dawn photocell.  
Supplier: Tom Kelly at Agilix Solutions (383-1865).
17. **Signage:** Spring Creek Ranch has a complete signage system that all builders and their realtors are required to use for the marketing of the initial new homes (see Exhibit "A" for the format and vendor details). No subcontractor or vendor signs are permitted during the construction of the new homes.

The above is not a complete list of covenants and restrictions. Please refer to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, and the recorded final plats for Phases 3 and 12 of the Spring Creek Ranch P.D. for additional information and conditions.

Should you have any questions or if we may be of any help at any time, please do not hesitate to call us at 766-4246.

## EXHIBIT A



Sign Frame is 24”T x 36”W with one 6”T rider. (Overall Frame Height of 54” tall)

Available from:

Dee Sign  
6163 Allen Road  
West Chester, OH 45069  
1-(800)-333-7446

Special Frame Model #212 with 10” taller legs (Frame height of 54” tall overall)

Powder Coat Black  
1” Angle Through Out

SCR 0.5” Coroplast 24”T x 36”W Top Panel and 6”T address/lot# rider

Available from:

LSI Graphics LLC  
2950 Brother Blvd, Ste 103  
Bartlett, TN 38133  
(901) 794-3032  
TJ Werner: (803) 312-2939