Architectural Review Committee Update Concealment of Trash and Recycle Containers

The ARC is aware that since Republic Waste has changed to the large trash and recycle cans outside storage of the cans is a problem. ARC guidelines state that owners can use a 6-foot solid white vinyl fence, white vinyl screening panels, or, in some cases, shrubbery, as concealment. In the past the ARC has approved these types of concealment and has approved placing cans in the rear of a home if the cans cannot be seen from the street.

We want to keep our neighborhood looking neat and free of clutter, but we also have heard concerns from owners about the difficulty of concealment.

The ARC has received requests for a resin/polycarbonate storage unit for concealing the cans. This is a free-standing structure and has not been approved in the past. However, the ARC has studied these and studied the issue of concealing the large blue containers and has voted to approve use of a free-standing resin/polycarbonate storage unit.

Good choices for resin/polycarbonate storage units are Suncast, Rubbermaid, or Keter.

The homeowner must send to the ARC an application showing size, color, and placement of the storage unit for approval before purchasing. The unit must meet the following guidelines:

- It must adjoin or abut the house.
- It must be no larger than 5 feet wide, 4 feet tall, and 3 feet deep.
- It must be white or match the color of the house.
- It must be water- and weather-resistant.
- It can have a floor and/or top.
- It must be installed in the back of the home or on the side if installation in the back is not possible. It cannot stand away from the house or along a fence.

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