

Welcome to Hillside Meadows. Like most planned neighborhoods, it has a set of protective covenants that keep the community attractive and protect everyone's investment. Hillside Meadows' are refreshingly short. This guide covers all of them in plain language, and the recorded covenants remain the official document (see the note at the end).

At a Glance

NO HOA, NO DUES

Hillside Meadows has **no homeowners' association** and **no annual dues**. The developer handles approvals directly.

BRICK OR STONE FRONT

Masonry to the **bottom of the front windows**, unless the whole home is finished in fiber cement board.

HOME SIZE

1,600 to 2,100 sq ft on the ground floor, depending on how many stories your home has.

TWO-CAR GARAGE

Every home needs an **attached garage of at least two stalls**. Lots cannot be subdivided.

FENCES

Fences are allowed, with one exception: **no chain link or wire**.

STREET PARKING

No overnight street parking, for any vehicle, at any time.

1. Building Your Home

- **Single-family homes only:** One detached single-family home per lot, no more than three stories, and it must include an **attached garage of at least two stalls**. Lots cannot be subdivided.

Minimum **ground floor** area, which excludes garages, decks, porches, patios, and any space not used exclusively for living:

Your home	Minimum ground floor area
One-story	1,600 sq ft
One and a half story	1,900 sq ft
Two-story	2,100 sq ft

Note that these are **ground floor** minimums rather than whole-house totals, and that a taller home is required to have a larger footprint, not a smaller one. Worth confirming with Reinbrecht against the plan you have in mind.

- **Brick or stone on the front:** Every home must be built with brick or stone at least up to the **bottom of the windows on the front elevation**. The one exception is a home finished in **fiber cement board on all sides**, which does not need the masonry.
- **Placement:** Follow Warrick County requirements when putting up an outbuilding. Eaves and steps are not counted as part of the building, but no part of a building may encroach on another lot.
- **Detached garages and storage buildings:** Allowed, either at the same time as the home or after it is finished, never before. They must match the colors and appearance of the home and need the developer's approval.
- **No temporary living:** No trailer, basement, tent, shack, garage, barn, or other outbuilding may be lived in, temporarily or permanently, and no temporary dwelling is allowed.
- **No trailers or homes without foundations:** No trailer, recreational vehicle, or housing without a permanent foundation may be placed on a lot.

2. Your Yard and Outdoors

- **Fences:** Fences are allowed, with one exception: **no chain link and no wire fencing**. There is no stated height limit or approved-materials list, which gives you more freedom here than in most neighborhoods.
- **Easements:** Utility and drainage easements are shown on the subdivision plat. Nothing may be placed or left inside them that would damage or interfere with utilities, change the direction of drainage flow, or block water moving through a drainage channel. You maintain the easement area on your own lot and everything in it, except anything a utility or public authority is responsible for. No utility may be placed on the boundary line of an easement.
- **Utilities crossing streets:** Any utility that crosses a street or road must be tunneled underneath it.
- **Trash and storage:** Keep trash, garbage, and waste in sanitary containers. Lots may not be used as a dumping ground, and no junk vehicles or stored materials are permitted.
- **No oil or mining:** No drilling, refining, quarrying, or mining of any kind, and no derricks or similar structures.

3. Living in the Neighborhood

- **Pets:** Dogs, cats, and other household pets are welcome, as long as they are not kept, bred, or maintained for any commercial purpose. No livestock or poultry of any kind. The covenants set no limit on the number of household pets.
- **Dogs:** Dogs must be leashed, fenced, or under the owner's control at all times.
- **Parking: No overnight parking on the streets, at any time, for any vehicle.** The only exception is during construction, when vehicles may park in front of the home being built.
- **Signs:** One professional sign up to **3 square feet**, and one for-sale or for-rent sign up to **5 square feet**. Builders may use signs during construction and the sales period.

4. Good to Know

- **No homeowners' association:** These covenants do not create an HOA, and set no dues, assessments, or common-area charges. Approvals go to the developer directly rather than to a committee.
- **Asking for an exception:** Any variation from these covenants needs the developer's approval. The developer may halt construction that does not meet the covenants while it decides whether to approve it.
- **How long they last:** They run with the land for **30 years** from the date they are recorded, then renew automatically in 10-year periods, unless a majority of the owners at that time sign and record an instrument changing them.
- **Enforcement:** Enforcement is through legal proceedings, brought against anyone violating or attempting to violate a covenant, either to stop the violation or to recover damages. Any owner in the subdivision may bring one.
- **If one part fails:** If a court strikes down any single covenant, the rest stay in force.

Please note: This guide summarizes the Hillside Meadows protective covenants in plain language. It is for general information only and is not legal advice. The recorded covenants are the official, binding document, and some details depend on your specific lot. One point to confirm with Reinbrecht: in the minimum home size paragraph, the written-out words and the figures in parentheses do not match each other, so ask which controls for your plan. Please review the complete covenants and consult your builder or attorney before purchasing a lot or beginning construction. Ask Reinbrecht Homes for the current recorded copy.