



April 6, 2026  
Decatur, GA 30030

## **Building a Better Neighborhood: A Proposal to Update Our Community Covenants**

Hello Neighbors,

Our community has grown and changed significantly since our original covenants were drafted in 1994. Back then, the neighborhood was still under developer control; today, we are a fully owner-occupied community of neighbors. To ensure our governing documents reflect the way we actually live in 2026, the Board and AACC are proposing a formal process to update and modernize our HOA covenants.

### **Why Now?**

The goal of these updates is to foster a more neighborly atmosphere while protecting our collective property values. We want our rules to be practical, modern, and reflective of our community's needs rather than a thirty-year-old developer's template. Some of the houses are well into their 3rd and 4th owners.

### **What's on the Table?**

We have several proposals aimed at balancing personal enjoyment with aesthetic standards. Some areas currently under consideration include:

*Signage & Expressions:* Modernizing the definition of signs and expanding the allowance for celebratory signs (such as birthdays, graduations, and holidays) with designated time limits.

*Backyard Enhancements:* Creating clear guidelines for the addition of storage sheds and above-ground pools.

*Sustainability:* Exploring the allowance of small, well-maintained chicken coops for fresh eggs. Also, options for solar panels.

### **Your Voice Matters**

We know that not every proposal will be the right fit for everyone, which is why this is a collaborative process. We want to hear from you:

- What updates does our community actually need?
- What changes can be made that can also improve our neighborhood?
- We want to hear your thoughts and ideas?



## The Roadmap Forward

- Community Work Session - Monday April 27th - 7:00 pm at the lower Cul-de-Sac.**  
Now until May 4th - Data Collection : We will host an open meeting to collect all requests, ideas, and concerns from residents. You can come to the work session or email /post.
- Sorting & Review:** By May 5th, our next HOA meeting, the Board will categorize these requests into a formal draft of proposed changes.
- May 10th- June 10th- **Community Vote:** The finalized list of proposals will be sent to all homeowners for an official vote.
- June 15th- September 1st -**Legal Review:** Once we have a mandate from the community, we will work with our legal counsel to finalize the language.
- September- October - **Edit final legal documents**
- October 24th - **Adoption:** Our goal is to have the newly updated covenants ready for official signature by our next Annual Meeting.

## Next Steps:

Keep an eye out for any follow-up announcements regarding the date and time of our Community Work Session. As of now it is on, **April 27th at 7:00pm in the lower Cul-de-Sac.** We look forward to working together to make our neighborhood an even better place to call home!

Sincerely,

**The HOA and AACC Board**

Ashwood HOA Board of Directors

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