



Is a Homeowners Association a Good Fit For You?

This may seem a strange question for an HOA to ask, but at Sun Oaks, we want you to consider this question *before* you buy! So, before making a decision on a home in Sun Oaks, consider the following pros and cons about HOAs.

ADVANTAGES	DRAWBACKS
<p>There are amenities you might not be able to afford on your own, like clubhouses, pools, tennis courts, parks, walking paths.</p> <p>There is easy access to restaurants, shopping, theaters, parks, hospitals.</p>	<p>Use of these amenities are governed by a set of rules, and overseen by a Board of Directors and active Committees. Breaches of the rules will result in fines, or loss of privileges.</p>
<p>The HOA's governing documents determine things like property upkeep and use of home, parking rules, pets, altering your property -including remodeling, paint color, fences, landscaping, how common property can be used, to name a few.</p>	<p>You may feel that the governing documents are too restrictive, or invasive of your personal preferences. <i>If you bristle as you read the AR&Rs, this is a sign that you might not be a good candidate for HOA ownership.</i></p>
<p>The neighborhood is clean, well-kept. Cars are garaged, and streets quiet. Landscaping is maintained on private and Common Property, trash cans are stored out of sight.</p>	<p>If you are not accustomed to submitting requests for guest parking, applying to a Landscape or Architecture committee when planning a remodel, housing your vehicles in your garage each night—or facing fines, you should reconsider choosing a home in an HOA.</p>
<p>Neighbors know and watch out for each other, there are social events that foster connection and community.</p>	<p>Residents pay monthly association dues, and are expected to take part in the work of the Association.</p>
<p><i>A Note on Parking:</i> Sun Oaks' homes Have 2-car garages. Owners with more than 2 cars may apply for 1 overflow parking space. If available, spaces are \$50/month. RV spaces are no longer available in the Overflow Lot.</p>	<p>No overnight parking is allowed in driveways, guest spaces, or on the streets. If you own oversize trucks, RVs or extra cars, think carefully about where you will store them, or reconsider your choice of an HOA like Sun Oaks.</p>