



## APPEARANCE REVIEW COMMISSION

What we see daily in our community, consciously and subconsciously, influences our lives. Appearance has a direct bearing on the economic value of property. When the appearance of public areas, business establishments and the residential community is attractive, shoppers, businessmen, homeowners and developers are all drawn to the community. Unsightly appearance, congestion and lack of proper maintenance bring about blight, decay, decreased property values and loss of revenues.

The Deerfield Appearance Review Commission includes persons who have expertise in making aesthetic judgments. The Commissioners review petitions at their regular meeting on the fourth Monday of each month. This public meeting is held at the Village Hall, 850 Waukegan Road, at 7:30 p.m. If your application and required review materials are received by the secretary to the Commission at least 14 days prior to the meeting, you will be on the meeting's agenda. Please review the submission requirements, as it is your responsibility to hand in a complete package. No fee is involved. Once you receive your Certificate of Approval, a building permit may be issued. No one wants to be held up with their improvements. The Commission and the Village staff strive to keep time delays to a minimum.

The Appearance Review Commission uses the Village of Deerfield Appearance Code. The criteria set in the Code are intended to assist in focusing on appearance standards, not to restrict imagination, innovation or variety. The guidelines give flexibility to the Appearance Review Commission members to review and work with the petitioner to develop the best possible solution for each particular situation. Occasionally, however, no middle ground may be reached and an application would be denied. In the event the Commission denies a Certificate, the Mayor and Board of Trustees welcome the opportunity to hear your request. The Board may agree with the ARC decision or may grant approval to the petitioner's request. A request to be heard by the Board of Trustees shall be made in writing and shall be filed with the Village Manager within 30 days of the decision to deny.

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