



**Irish Acres Homeowners Association  
Architectural Review Board (ARB)  
Guidelines for Gazebos & Pergolas**

In accordance with Article V, Section 5.1.2.d of the Amended and Restated Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions for Irish Acres, Irish Acres Homeowner's Association Architect Review Board (ARB) hereby establishes and approves the following guidelines and standards for:

**Gazebos & Pergolas**

**ARB Review Required.** A "custom built" Gazebo or Pergola is permitted in Irish Acres with a residential home, in the backyard only, with ARB review and approval. An ARB Review application along with payment for the review; all construction plans and "required" documents including a site plan with all buildings and site improvements shown, framing plans; exterior elevations (all sides); electrical plans – if electricity is to be added to the gazebo or pergola; wall sections; 6" min fascia, roof plan and landscape plan & key must be submitted for ARB review/approval prior to construction or obtaining a Marion County Building Permit. If electricity is added to either structure, a Florida licensed/bonded electrician is required to be utilized. Proper building inspections by Marion County are also required. This new guideline is required in order to enhance, maintain, and preserve the value and aesthetics of the properties within Irish Acres.

**Requirements.**

1. A Gazebo or Pergola must reflect the image and character of the main residence, including exterior colors and roofing materials. Alternate materials shall be reviewed on a case-by-case basis with an explanation for the deviation.
2. The Gazebo or Pergola must comply with the 2023 or current edition of the Florida Building Code (FBC); the 2023, or current edition, of the FBC Florida Residential Code and the 2020, or current edition, of the National Electric Code.
3. Gazebo or Pergola must be placed within the property line setback requirements and cannot be placed upon an easement.
4. Concrete slab and footing on grade are required for base flooring and foundations. Slabs must be a minimum of five (5) inches thick, 3,000 psi concrete.
5. Maximum height is sixteen (16) feet from finished grade to the top of the structure.
6. Plans must show how Gazebo or Pergola structure is supported (slab or properly supported deck over slab) and how it is secured to slab foundation system as per FBC to resist imposed wind loads of 120 mph minimum.
7. If pergola roof structure is attached to existing building's roof, provide details of how it is secured/attached.
8. List all materials (including fascia) being used including color, sizes and dimensions.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

  
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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