

Results of Home Security Sign Survey

Question Should owners be allowed to post a standard home security sign near the front and/or rear entrance of their house?

Question Type: Yes/No

Required: Yes

Response	Graph	Percent	Count
No		21.7%	89
Yes		78.3%	322

Question Do you believe that security signs are unsightly and/or lead to the conclusion that we have a crime issue on the Ridge?

Question Type: Yes/No

Required: Yes

Response	Graph	Percent	Count
No		78.8%	324
Yes		21.2%	87

Question Do you have a comment or suggestion regarding security signs?

Text:

Responses

2. Research provides data that a security sign is a deterrent to prevent burglaries in a neighborhood.
 4. A security sign is a deterrent to prevent burglaries. We are naive to think we are burglar free. As the city of expands, It is just a matter of time before we will be within a targeted territory for theft..
 We lived in an upper middle class suburb of Denver for many years. Three of us homeowners did not have security systems thus no signs, One night, all three of us were robbed.

I suggest signs have a size limit of 9 x 12.. That size is not obtrusive. People living here have common sense and will see such sign as "being smart"..

5. I would suggest limiting the sign size to no more than 144 sq. inches and if larger ARC approval must be submitted.

6. It should be noted that security signs are not allowed in Windows either.

7. Limit the size and number of signs (only 1) and that should make them discrete. I think the signs show that the neighborhood is one of nice and cared for homes not a crime neighborhood. That never crossed my mind.

8. I honestly don't know the rate of thefts and burglaries in the Eagle Crest community.

I have noticed a larger than normal amount of visitors that are walking and driving through the neighborhoods.

I've also noticed more teenagers roaming.

Signs indicating a home may be monitored or alarmed should be allowed.

Thanks

9. We believe that security signs are a deterrent to vandalism and theft. Discreet signs should be allowed.

11. No signs!

12. A sign is a sign. Slippery slope?

15. If one owner posts a security sign and his neighbor doesn't, doesn't this send a message that the neighbor is unprotected? Seems like we could have one sign at the beginning of a neighborhood announcing that (all) owner's homes are protected electronically. This would 1) alert would-be thieves that there are active security systems for homes in the neighborhood without disclosing which ones, and 2) relieves every neighbor of having to personally purchase a security system and post a sign in order to avoid the appearance of an unprotected home. Of course, the underlying question is whether or not robberies are now common on the Ridge? It could be that many of these owners who are buying systems and posting signs currently live or come from high-crime areas.

16. Keep them relatively small. Maybe 144 square inches, or less.

19. Perhaps a limit on size would be helpful.

20. No comment

21. Should be small, if not allowed then "stickers" should be permitted on doors and windows.

22. Back off with all the ridiculous regs.

24. They should be allowed as a small warning to thieves. No one believes there are actual resort-owned cameras in Desert Sky, so maybe signs or stickers could also be allowed to warn that the neighbors have a camera. Not to mention it's probably pointed at my porch and property.

25. Are security window decals allowed? This could be an option to signage at various locations on a lot.

26. As much of Eagle Crest is not a gated community and there is no security patrol, it is important that residents be able to announce that their property is protected and monitored by an alarm service. None of these signs is unsightly or offensive.

27. This is very reasonable--shouldn't even be an issue in my opinion.

29. Need to be professional and well defined, i.e. within reasonable size, although I would not suggest absolute dimensions.

32. Usually they have stickers that can be put inside windows.

33. a decal w/ the security system logo, on the front & rear door entries should suffice

34. Let them put a sticker on their window.

35. We would just prefer that they not be large and conspicuous.

40. We've live in Eagle Crest for over 13 years and had a security sign all those years prior to the recent restriction. I never had a complain or more importantly security issue during those 13 + years. We travel often and feel it is important to have this sign to deter Intruders.

42. As long as they are not too big or obnoxious, I'm okay with seeing them.

44. Personally, we do not have a security system and as a matter of fact when we purchased our home in the Falls in July of 2019, the first thing we did was disconnect the security system that was installed by the previous owner. Granted, we are basically full time residents and know all the other residents in our vicinity and feel very safe and know that we are able to keep an eye out for each other.

We think that security systems are over rated and the companies use their current customers as advertisements for future customers as proof that we removed 11 window stickers and two LARGE signs for ADT when we moved in. Know your neighbors and be a good neighbor yourself has always been our motto!

45. If the signs are small and discreet, why not?

They can have them in their windows. If so, not needing a metal sign in their yard as well

46. They are overrated and you can buy them off the internet. Just something to clutter up the yard. Get to know your neighbors so you can watch out for each other.

49. No signs means no signs!

50. People can put them in their window on their front door or window facing the street.

51. Having a security sign indicates the house may be left empty for periods of time. Gives potential thieves reason to investigate.

52. Yes, I am beginning to feel like we are living in a Gestapo type community. We do not have a sign nor a security system but have no objection to my neighbors having them. It should be our right.

53. no.....

55. They are a deterrent showing that a home is secure. With the large number of second homes in Eagle Crest this is a prudent way for homeowners who do not live here full time or are snow birds to protect their home.

56. It is nice to be able to walk through my community without a lot of signs. We have enough with speed limits, speed tables and directional signs to the various facilities. Sometimes people post these security signs and do not even pay for the service. They think it will deterrent but whose is to say that it works. I think it just promotes fear and insecurity and tells possible new owners that the current owners think their neighborhood is unsafe and possibly a reason they want to move out.

57. As long as it is of reasonable size and esthetics, which most are, there are only positive things about warning would be intruders that there is a security system.

We were broken into some years ago, and did not at that time have a system or external sign. Had we the outcome might have been different.

58. I assume you are talking about ADT signs or some other security signs

60. very small sign only

63. There are lots of VRBO on the ridge and not much of a "neighborhood watch" as, let's say, in The Falls. Security signs are a good thing.

64. They may be technically prohibited but we've lived in Eagle Crest for 14 years and they've always been here, why the sudden interest in them? I hardly see an issue with small signs of that type.

65. Since they are so small, I don't see any harm in letting people put them up if that makes them feel better - they really don't deter anyone from breaking into your house anyway.

66. Maybe a small sticker near an entrance to a property would be ok. I believe signs in yards are unsightly and may even promote break ins - if you display a sign maybe an opportunist thief may decide you are not home much and could risk a break in before police arrive.?

It might also be helpful to look at police statistics to get an idea of if there is or isn't a security problem here. If so what types and locations of crime is happening.

67. Security signs are proven to reduce the risk of a theft. The small signs when placed near a home's entrance do not create a significant eyesore nor detract from the neighborhood's beauty when compared with real estate for sale signs, political signs etc.

I strongly believe that an exception should be made to allow a small security sign.

Thank You.

68. Size / placement guidelines could be helpful to ensure security signs are uniform (and not unsightly) within the community.

69. Security signs are on private property. They are not unsightly and are proven to improve security for the home and the neighborhood. I think forbidding security signs is an overreach on the part of the HOA. Please modify this rule.

70. i would recommend a standard is created - just like house numbers. Maybe a size/colour template, with enough space to indicate what company is used.

also maybe put some rules around placement - ie close to door/entry, not at street side

72. Maybe just implement a size limit on the sign to ensure no one puts a large/unsightly one out in front of their house

73. They are unsightly and should comply with the CC&Rs. Your question #2 is confusing-Yes the signs are distracting, but we do not think there is a crime problem in the Ridge.

How about ENFORCING the LIGHTING that is suppose to be directed down and not off the property-properties with so many solar lights the yard is a light pollution problem. When are you going to require property owners to remove landscape fencing that is in violation of the CC&Rs-fencing that has been present for years?

74. Small,tasteful. and close to the dwelling.

77. No.

78. I believe they lower the look of the place.

79. Just keep them to a regulated small size.

82. We've had our sign for 12.5 years & never received any violation notice until 4 months ago

84. The fewer the signs, regardless of what they say, the better.

85. I believe back door or front door security sign is OK keep out of yard . This becomes advertising for the security company.

86. no

88. Do not allow. They will not prevent crime and are unsightly.

89. I have no problem with security signs.

90. They can be placed on or near door front and back.

91. Make them standard size, like the approved open house signs and enforce it.

94. Eagle Crest is a up scale community. Crime will find its way here just like other neighborhoods.

Having a small security sign sends the word that maybe as thief I should not test the system.

I think that if we feel it is important to warn drivers that a speed table is ahead then it is also a good idea to tell thieves that they are not welcome at a given house.

95. They serve a purpose and should be allowed. Prior to having a sign our back deck door was shot and destroyed, trying to get into our house. Had no problems when we had a sign.

96. Studies have shown that security signs are a deterrent to criminals.

97. I suspect that many houses at Eagle Crest do not have security systems. This information would have been good to know. It is possible that the houses that do not have systems would be posting signs as if they did have systems and that would be unsightly. If you allow signs would the homeowner have to go through the HOA to get permission, show where on the property the signs would be posted and also submit signs that conform to set standards? I would rather have a burglar not be able to identify which home has a security system which is a form of security.

99. Put a decal identifying your security provider inside a window visible from the entry area. That should be sufficient.

101. Leave them be---its not an issue.

102. use small stickers on the door. Much less intrusive and still gets the message sent.

103. I think it may deter people or at least make them think prior to coming into your property. Perhaps naive, yet criminals usually aren't that smart.

105. Stop overregulating the details of peoples' lives. You are turning neighbors into vigilantes.

107. No signs but perhaps a sticker on the windows or front door//back store entry way!

108. Security signs are especially valuable in neighborhoods that are not fully occupied and the owner is not always home. The neighbor who took down my sign so I could avoid the \$400 a month fine could not even see my sign until he got to the porch. Always threatening homeowners with fines does not build trust between owners and management and tends to cause resentment! I will notify my insurance company that I was forced to take my sign down!

109. Police will tell you that these signs are a deterrent. Since we only use our house once a month we found it important to install a security system and to make sure strangers are aware of it.

110. Yes, the signs should be standardized and posted by the front of the home, not by the street.

111. I think that we should be allowed to place security signs prominently in front as well as in the back of our homes.

I have NEVER thought that I was in a "high crime" area just because there was an ADT sign, a Bay Alarm sign, or any other sign indicating that the house was protected by an alarm system.

What I DID think was that that house would NOT be a target for a burglary.

The only time I look at houses and think it might be a high crime area is when the houses or yards look run down and in need of repair. (Think "ghetto") Eagle Crest does not meet that criteria except for the boats, trailers, and RV's that seem to be stored in the parking lot between the golf course office and the swimming center on the ridge side.

112. Security signs are the first line of defense to your home. Studies show that 60% of crooks will not break into a house with a posted sign. I don't see how a security sign detracts from livability or value to a neighborhood? If anything, it tells people we care about our neighborhood.

113. it contributes little to actual security , its better to have recognizable security features if they exist around the house,

i.e. cameras, doorbell camera technology, etc. no need to tell everyone about it

114. I have not experienced any security issues since I moved here nearly 3 yrs ago. I would like keep it that way. Security signs discourage theft. I think they should be allowed.

117. As a former law enforcement officer, I believe that security/alarm signs do deter property crimes. Criminals normally will seek out homes that are unprotected and represent the least likelihood that they will be caught. Criminals are opportunistic and exist everywhere. And that is why we have deadlock bolts on our doors and other security devices to secure our homes.

While I do not have security signs posted myself, I believe security signs placed at points of entry and window stickers should be exempted and allowed. Concern over public perception that there is crime in Eagle Crest, because of security/alarm signs, seems to be a meritless argument. Unsightly, homemade security/alarm signs may, however, cross the line.

Other signs, such as political statements, garage sales etc., should fall under the HOA Rules and regulated by the Board.

118. Put any signs near the front door!

121. Signs should be small and close to the home. Security system window stickers would be a good alternative.

122. We strongly support allowing security signs to be posted in yards. I spent 40 years working in the justice systems in two states and I can attest to the deterrent value of security signage. I sent an appeal letter to the board several months ago outlining the reasons for the importance of signage. Requiring us to remove our sign has clearly increased the risk to our home and property and we commend the board for considering a change to this outdated policy. Please modify the policy quickly to improve home security at Eagle Crest!

123. i think the construction & open house signs should be the only signage allowed, as the regulations state

124. As long as they are small (a foot square or smaller) and placed unobtrusively near the house, the signs are appropriate for anywhere in Eagle Crest.

126. Define sign size, letter size, color, height... specific location(s) permissible... Then we can discuss the issue.

127. When I moved here 16 years ago things were different. A lot has changed. The police blotter in the Redmond Spokesmen had about 1-3 break ins/burglaries a week, now it averages 20-25. The current situation with Covid. Is going to cause that number to rise as more people become desperate. I afraid Eagle Crest will be seen as "low hanging fruit". So, a sign will be a deterrent.

129. Pro Action to deter crime in my opinion is better than a reaction to being a victim or crime. A little common sense on sign usage does not affect liveability issues.

130. I think they should be allowed in a window or windows. This is a deterrent against break ins. I don't agree with having signs in your yard.

134. The ARC Guidelines need to be rewritten for an established, fully privately owned neighborhood. Two separate guidelines need to be written: one would cover the privately owned neighborhoods which have zero potential to impact the investment by KDG, and a second set of guidelines to cover the common areas, shared properties, resort properties that might have an impact on KDG's investment. We owners should have control of what we are authorized to do within our own personal property.

136. A lot of homeowners have had their security signs visible for years (5-10 years). There is no reason that it should stop now.

137. I think that one sign should be allowed. We do not have security that drives through and monitors the neighborhood nor do we have a completely gated community.

138. Security signs are a deterrent to prevent break-ins. It only makes sense they be allowed!!

139. Statistics show that security signs deter home invaders and they most certainly should be permitted and used.

140. Perhaps limit the size of the sign. Do people really complain about this?

141. They are essential if you do not provide a security patrol

142. It does seem to me that this erodes the standard. I would think a window decal could be allowed and should have the desired effect.

145. I think a limit as to the number of signs and size. In one home we have ADT and there is a small sign that I do not think is obtrusive near our front door that is big enough to announce the security system but not so large as to be unsightly.

146. None

147. Signs should be limited in size and placed in a window or next to entry points. No sign should be allowed up by the street.

150. I think a size parameter would be important if this is initiated.

Also a limit to the numbers of signs/window stickers. One front, one back, etc.

Thanks for working on this challenge!

151. Might limit the size of the sign to something like 3"x 3"

152. Question number 2 was actually two questions. To clarify my answer, I think the signs are unsightly, but do not think it indicates Eagle Crest has a crime problem. I think we should be consistent with no signage period. Thank you.

155. As long as they are not garish or unsightly, they should be allowed. Very high-end communities permit their owners to indicate that they are protected by electronic security.

156. Thanks for the survey...but it's a bit ridiculous when you consider other issues surrounding the community.

157. I'm not sure that security signs are really a deterrent. If small, probably okay, but I also am aware of signs being posted when there isn't an active security system, for whatever reason. Not sure how you control this.

158. Parameters of size of sign should be considered; signs posted in windows near front/rear entry door should be allowed. Signs that also state video surveillance inside the house should be allowed in window by front or rear door and have size parameter.

160. I believe that any efforts a homeowner can do to mitigate the opportunity to be victimized is a good thing. Unfortunately we live in a time when crime possible anywhere including Eagle Crest. Home security signs can be a deterrent and should be encouraged.

161. There should probably be a sign size that is consistent throughout the property, as well as tasteful. Almost, I can't believe this even came up for a survey.

162. Those types of signs are generally very small; and they are valuable especially for part time owners and those who travel frequently.

163. I'd rather see them up close to the house, not out at the end of driveways.

164. Yes as a retired police officer I strongly believe alarms n alarm signs are deterrents for crime. Because we don't have a gated community we often times have "some" that don't belong in EC. Saw for myself just last week, speeding loud music drinking n young hmmm. It is just a matter of time before crime finds its way here as Redmond grows n the state of the economy....

I greatly appreciate this survey n ur efforts. Thank you

165. No

166. Security signs are generally small signs & if placed in an appropriate place in the yard should be allowed.

167. No

168. No

169. Those of us that pay for personal security systems should be able to post our security signs because it is a proven fact that thieves are less likely to break in to homes with posted security signs.

170. Security signs are fine as long as they are not too big. What I do have a problem with is all the ugly yard art being displayed.

171. I think something in the window would be fine, but not a big sign in the yard or something like that.

173. Some security systems include in their pricing - a sign to be displayed

174. The home that we own on the Ridge is a vacation home that is also a vacation rental. I would love to be able to put a security sign in front of our home. We have a security system in our main home with a sign (25 years) and have never had any issues while our neighbors have had some. It is a great deterrent.

175. This one seems fairly minor. Makes sense to allow, with the hope that it also acts as a deterrent.

176. No

177. If you allow one permanent sign, then more permanent signs will follow.

179. What was the original intent of prohibiting security signs and has that intent changed? This has always been a Destination resort which means homes may not always be occupied. If signs are allowed they should be uniform and unobtrusive. If they are not, enforcement should be consistent.

180. I think it is fine to have a standard security sign on or near a home entrance (door or garage), but maybe not near the road or end of a driveway.

What is the crime rate at Eagle Crest?

181. We need to stop regulating every little thing which becomes the danger of HOA's. Having a security sign on your property does not create an environment of high theft but rather a deterrent should such a situation arises. If we start micromanaging every single thing you risk people leaving the area because of overstretch on our rights as homeowners. I'm all for having certain things forbidden but let's make sure it's at least a majority of the homeowners vs. a select few always complaining.

182. We don't like seeing them.

184. I can not believe there is a problem with security signs. Mine was 10" by 10" and you made me remove it. I thought forcing the removal of the sign was ridiculous.

185. I would be willing to accept a small decal type sign in a window or something similar to that.

186. Should be permitted.

187. I don't think a window sticker sign is an issue.

A sign that is stuck in the ground is not something that should be approved.

189. As a homeowner who travels a lot and pays a security company a monthly fee for security, it's absolutely absurd that we are not allowed to post a small sign notifying a would be thief we have security system, which could prevent a break in. It also provides peace of mind while we're away.

191. Make a rule about size and location

192. Of COURSE security signs should be allowed. Simply limit the size to something common and reasonable.

193. They should not be very large

194. No

196. no

197. You already allow COVID19 non-permanent signs, why not small security signs at the front of the home?

198. We think they should be allowed.

200. Security signs are OK as long as they are discreetly placed on the property

202. I have one.

203. I see no problem with small security signs or decal near a front or back door. Honestly, I haven't noticed any. I live in West Ridge - Highland Meadow Loop.

204. As long as the are a typical small security sign no problem.

205. For the majority of homes on the Ridge, that are often vacant for owners that winter somewhere else, use them as vacation homes, investment property, or Air b&bs/vrbos or other private or corporate rentals/write offs, it is beneficial to use these small security signs as a notice to potential criminals. Eaglecrest's focus on these dated, petty rules is obsolete and it would allow management to use this time, as well as the BOD, for relevant issues, such as the home owners insurance and other current problems.

208. Protections around plants are more harmonious to the landscape than a hodgepodge of security signs scattered about the neighborhood.

209. Of course security signs should be allowed at owners discretion. There are too many restrictions in EC already and to restrict an owners desire for security - and display of such tool - is not in the resorts best interest.

210. Allow them with size and location requirements.

211. Homeowners concerned about security might consider using products like "RING", etc which give them the ability to monitor their homes remotely.

212. I find that they start falling over or leaning and add nothing to the landscape . I would be ok with a sticker in their front window. But a big no to a yard sign from so many different vendors. Not a very natural landscape look.

213. They just redirect crooks to houses that do not have them.

218. No problem at all with security signs. They deter criminal activity. I would sure think that all Eagle Crest Residents would want that. I sure do, even though I don't have a security system or sign, I think it's a good thing.

219. Having a security system and a sign shows that we care about our homes and neighborhood and which to protect them. A sign as the entry is fine. Not out in the yard or by the street.

221. Maybe limit signs to fit within an 8-10" square.

222. As long as they are near the home that will deter burglaries. I don't see them as unsightly.

223. No signs, period.

224. Small signs are not a problem for us. We don't have one but we do not object to other owners notifying people that this unit has a security system.

226. A decal on a window(s) should be sufficient.

227. Should be permitted

228. Home security signs will do little to deter burglars or vandals. They will have cased the neighborhood and identified which homes are "vulnerable." They will also know that at best, law enforcement will not be on site for at least fifteen minutes. We should also point out that blanket rules don't take into consideration that not all of the signs are unsightly. More importantly, there are far more visual nuisances--at least in Desert Sky--than security signs. These include vehicle clutter, street parking, and RVs parked on properties. The presence of small signs pale in comparison to the larger issues.

229. No

231. No.

232. If security signs are to be allowed they, like open house signs or house number signs should have a regulated size, font, color etc so we don't see 20 different sizes, colors, etc.

233. I would also point out that Security System signage serves two undesirable purposes:

1) it is free advertising for security companies and we don't permit this for any other domestic service company. We wouldn't even consider signage such as; "Cleaned by xxx" and "Lawns Mowed by xxx", why is "Secured by NastyCo" acceptable?

2) It may well push crime from signed locations onto adjacent unsigned properties. We should be working to prevent crime, not relocate it.

234. WE NEED TO HAVE SECURITY PATROLS AT NIGHT!!

236. A sign does not prevent crime.

The benefit goes to the security company by providing them free advertising.

237. Neighborhoods always have security signs. They are no more unsightly than cable discs.

We should have the right to extent protection to our homes with a sign in the front and a sign in the back.

When balancing these having these signs (which some with too much time on his/her hands believe to be unsightly) vs. home protection, home protection wins every time.

People who have had their homes broken into often comment that it feels like they have been raped. Why not allow maximum protection against such a feeling?

And finally, while I believe that at the present Eagle Crest is a low crime area, for the near future we have a different situation now with millions of people out of work. Economic hardships result in increased crimes, and "nice homes" with less than full occupancies are a natural draw for burglars, and we up here are really sitting ducks.

238. If the zany social distancing / COVID signs are allowed (and, in fact placed) by the homeowners association on all the hiking trails then the standard security signs in front of homes are certainly no big deal. Disallowing signs, while placing your own, is blatantly hypocritical - similar to association installed up-lighting at the main entrance of Cline Falls, but not allowing it at homes.

239. Allow them and stop wasting ARC resources on nit picky issues.

241. No

242. Obviously this is a matter that requires discretion. Small signs placed by the entrances of the home are no big deal. We don't want large signs with the intent of being advertising for the security company. Home owners need the ability to protect their property without being a visual nuisance to their neighbors.

243. Limit the size and post near the house. Encourage the reinstatement of a Security detail on the Resort as is done at other competing Resorts such as Black Butte.

244. The ones I have seen are pretty small and unobtrusive. If a new wording of this regulation is made, make sure it has a sign size limit built in.

245. Limit the "visible from street " security signs to ONE PER HOME.

Limit the SIZE of the sign to no more than ONE SQUARE FOOT.

Comment: Do law enforcement agencies say that "Security Signs" deter criminal activity -- or -- do they invite such activity by indicating that the home is probably not currently occupied?

247. Would prefer to see more smaller signs

248. Allowing "typical" sized security signs is a no-brainer

249. I purchased property at Eagle Crest because it had strong Governing Documents that protect the value of all properties at E/C. No sign is appropriate. Please don't push this issue under the agenda of safety when it is really meant to allow other signs like no spray, no parking and others

251. A security company sign is simply a deterrent to would-be burglars and criminals. As such, it provides peace of mind while at home alone or away on vacation. Certainly miscellaneous personal, political, religious, or other types of signs could detract from home property values and be "unsightly". By contrast, a security company sign acts as a deterrent to crime and only keeps our neighborhoods safer.

252. I believe that the security sign acts as a deterrent to anyone who may be considering unlawful entry to a residence.

253. Signage or decals applied near doors or on windows would be more appropriate.

254. Posting small signs in a windows near a points of entry would seem to suffice to notify potential security violators.

255. First of all signs are unattractive and reduce the ambiance of an otherwise beautiful living environment. Second, I do not believe that advertising the presence of a security alarm system deters intruders. They can be in and gone long before any response can occur and they know it.

257. Among the many enforcement snafus. Resume enforcement NOW. Maintain our home values. Eliminate unsightly signs.

260. Not sure they are a deterrent. My place does not have one and it is a vac/rental. Many years ago, my place was broken into using the deck patio door and some things were taken. I'm not sure a security system would make a difference, but with the way things are now, I can see why people would be

concerned. They may be an eyesore, but maybe regulate where on the property they can be posted. Strive for uniformity.

261. I don't believe security signs act as a deterrent to crime so they shouldn't be posted

262. Security signs inform a potential vandal that home owners may be gone. We have way too many signs along our roads as it is. Half the time the signs are fake. If someone wants to break into your home they will find a way.

265. They are a proven deterrent to break-ins and theft and should certainly be allowed on RECOA property as incidents of these types of criminal mischief are on the rise with so many people out of work!

266. No to any signs and no to porch lights

267. As long as they are the small signs located in windows or near entrance doors I have no problem with them. Preferably in the same color as is used for street addresses etc.

269. I think that the signs are unsightly and do convey a message that we have a crime rate. Maybe some of the snow birds should get to know their neighbors and have them keep an eye on their home. We have that system in the Falls.

270. The less free advertising we have in the Ridge the better.

271. Not in regards to security signs.

When surveys are written they should be done unbiased!!

273. Owners can subscribe to a monthly monitoring security service.

274. What is considered a "standard " sign.? Are there options available? Used to be there were window stickers for such a notice.

275. Security signs give the impression people are serious about security in the place they live. I don't think these signs lead to the belief there is a crime problem. If a visitor would ask that question of a resident, I don't think any resident would tell someone Eagle Crest has a crime problem. County crime statistics should bear out that fact. If someone were thinking of purchasing property here, their due diligence as it relates to crime should prove there is not a significant concern in this area.

277. Allow people to place a window sticker if they think notifying a criminal in advance will deter them. But i say no to security signs.

280. The signs should be regulated and identical at each residence. Same as the address sign that is in front of each home. All matching in size, color, wording and font.

281. Limit the size and specify placement (e.g. near front door) of sign. Must be supplied by Security Company and be semi-permanent (no cardboard).

BTW, I bet you would find a lot of people will to volunteer for a security patrol. We spent 3 months this year at a Sun City area and the citizen patrols were kind of comforting. Realizing, of course, there are costs and supervision required for this sort of activity.

282. Security signs are relatively small and do not cause a visual issue. Provide a standard on the size of the signs and the potential areas where they can be placed on the property.

289. It is acknowledged that security does offer a deterrent to possible home evasion. Since the Ridge is not a fully gated community, anyone can access any street. If a security sign is present to add that addition protect for my family in addition to my alarm system. I want that. It is my right to protect my family. If that deterrent is removed by policy, would then RECOA take some blame if an invasion takes place. I have had my signs up for 15 years and they are small that all the flag signs I see on the from yards.

There is another issue, I can't even have a security decal in my window. No signs are allowed. That means the decal notice for first responders that indicates there are pets in the home if case fire must also be removed.

290. I don't believe they are effective.

291. No.

292. Perhaps only allow signs of a certain size and specify where they can be placed.

293. I think decals in windows are fine. They tend to be small. Yard signs are okay if not too large and placed near the house. I would not allow them close to the street or near the street number sign.

294. do we have a security issue? this would be the first question, in which case that should be addressed. what are the stats? what options? patrol, cameras? Agee signs are unsightly and only encourage burglars to go next door. most thefts are negligence, leaving doors, windows unlocked. It would make sense to encourage owners to install DeadBolt Locks.

295. I believe the primary issue with signs is their size and location.

I have no problem with signs located on the house near the front door or staked lower than 18" and near the front door.

As to size, something like 40 sq inches (eg: 5x8) should be adequate and not obtrusive.

Private security patrol, especially with traffic enforcement responsibilities was a colossal mistake and waste of resources!

297. They are unnecessary. If an owner is worried about crime, they should have a security system, not a sign.

298. We have a security system with monitoring from a security monitoring company. We DO NOT have a sign on our property. We have a security decal in our front and back entrance windows. These are provided by the security monitoring company. Owners should ask for this type of window decal.

Signs on property are for the advertising benefit of the Alarm company. We do not want to look across the street at a sign in our neighbors yard. It maybe there forever !! This is not temporary signage. This type of sign is one of the reasons that the NO Sign policy is in the ARC guideline.

Neighbors help Neighbors here. Just ask your neighbor to keep an eye out in your absence. No big city around here. Get to know your neighbors and take them some cookies.

Signs are Signs and should not be allowed !!! PLEASE Do Not water down this "No Sign Policy" Thank You
302. N/A

306. My lord.... if they are Professional quality, a property owner should be able to have them. I was in home security business many years ago. I went to a seminar and the statistics at that time said if a thief sees a sign ... they'll go to the next house. BUT.... that's a logical thought??

307. Several years AFTER we installed a security system with a small sign, we were sent a violation letter. The sign was posted for several YEARS. Why, we asked, that all of a sudden was it a violation? What motivated HOA to begin the process of sending letters to homes with long-standing security signs? Someone complain? Why?

308. No comment

309. Should they all be standardized?

310. We think that they are a good idea.

313. When will we see the results of the survey?

This survey will be active until Friday, March 8 with the results posted on the RECOA website.

314. Our neighborhood goal has been to maintain an uncluttered look that capitalizes on nature's beauty. No fences, no signs, no cluttered decks or entrances, no street parking, no sidewalks, lighting that shines down, not up, and (at least previously, when we purchased) a preference for native landscaping.

Let's keep to the original design of the Ridge, the design many of us were looking for when deciding to purchase here 15 or more years ago!

315. Is there a residential burglary issue at Eagle Crest ? I've lived here 5+ years and haven't heard of any issues...sign or no sign.

316. Actually, I don't care for the construction signs either.

319. They're okay— small sign and/or window sticker.

323. I do not feel security signs are unsightly. Not sure if they actually stop people from breaking in to homes, but they help.

325. With so many homes on rental programs, the individual owner should have the opportunity to alert potential intruders of monitored security. A small sign located at the property entrance and at the rear should be a sufficient deterrent.

326. The signs should be much smaller than a realtor sign and place near the door of the home.

327. The signs should be of reasonable size (8"X11") +/- and issued by the security company. They should be placed close to the house near a shrub. They should not be placed in such a manner that they become the focal point in the front or back of the house.

328. We are in total favor of allowing Security signs. They are an important way to protect our valuable properties against intruders at all times, but even more important when the owners are away for numerous reasons, including but not limited to seasonal use. The signs are small and when discreetly placed near the front and/or rear entry ways they help protect the property as well when occupants are at home because potential intruders will tend to move on to another property that does not indicate a security system that will contact police services immediately upon entry. Our community is in a more remote area farther from emergency services, such as sheriffs; it is a non-gated community with costly homes and no patrol, this is an important way to provide added security and let individuals know we are not an easy target.

330. Anything that would help deter crime should be encouraged. A sign is hardly a problem for those who live here. Let's worry about the big stuff, not this picky stuff. Next we will be sending photos to DeBlasio of people standing too close to each other.

332. Security signs should be placed as inconspicuously as possible on ridge properties.

333. Security signs are helpful to emergency response personnel and should be a necessity for those homes with a security system.

There have been numerous lawsuits in the past initiated by those who broke into residences without signs because there was no warning that the home had a security system. Many of these lawsuits, throughout the US, have been successful and the "crook" won because there was no warning. Therefore, signs are a necessity to protect the homeowner in addition to prevention of break-ins.

We live at the confluence of two walking trails and by a major street on The Ridge. We feel extremely vulnerable and feel a security system COMPLETE with signage is necessary.

336. We are an occasional user of our vacation home and have ring cameras install which are connected to our cellphones. Much quicker response than an alarm company. Very inexpensive to operate as a one time charge to purchase the camera with a solar unit and just screw them up.

337. A small security company provided sign affixed to the house next to the front and back doors should be acceptable. No homemade signs please.

338. <https://www.consumersadvocate.org/home-security/how-effective-are-home-security-systems>
79% of invaders will enter through either the front door, back door, or first floor window. They most often occur between 10am and 3pm, when the occupants are most likely to be out. With those statistics in mind, it's been found by specialists at UNC Charlotte that nearly two-thirds of potential burglars are deterred if a house displays evidence of a home security system.

339. As Security systems have evolved in the past few years I believe they are more effective than previously and should be permitted if standardized sizes are used.

343. THANK YOU FOR ALL THE THINGS YOU DO FOR OUR COMMUNITY. GOOD JOB EVERYONE. No Comment on Signs!

344. I agree that prohibiting signs in general is a good policy to prevent our neighborhoods from becoming unsightly. Commercial, political, yard sale signs and the like would become a problem. However, I believe security signs are worthy of an acceptable exclusion. Their purpose is very different. Limitations on size, number and placement is appropriate.

348. Conservative yet visible at front and rear entrance ways. From experience, small window stickers are effective.

349. I've seen a number of them around the West Ridge neighborhood where we live and do not find them esthetically or socially disturbing.

350. When it comes to home security each individual owner should be able to make the choice whether or not to put a sign out. Maybe allowing a sticker by the front and rear doors rather than a sign in the yard.

351. Our security company recommends that you post security signs in your yard and attach security decals onto all of your opening type windows. It has been the security companies experience that these signs and decals help deter criminal activity on properties.

352. with new technology there are so many ways to make sure your home is secure, there is no reason to broadcast it

353. They should be allowed

354. The signs should be small and not next to the street.

356. Thank You for providing this survey. I had to remove my sign due to a letter from NV, but since I walk frequently, I have seen LOTS of signs still showing!

While no issues in the last few years, the street I moved to several years ago had some burglaries, so I kept the central station security system that was in the house. A security sign outside is a great way to prevent a break-in. This has been proven time after time!

I have seen some homes in my neighborhood that have awful yards, yet NOTHING is done to call those owners on the carpet to fix the eyesores! A visible security sign in a nice yard is no big deal compared to an ugly yard that brings down a neighborhood, not to mention property values!

Please get rid of the no security sign requirement from the CCR's and concentrate on more important items.

358. My husband and I owned a property in Desert Sky a number of years back. Our home was one of many that were broken into by painters completing maintenance painting in Desert Sky. I believe a security system with a security sign would have been a deterrent and could have prevented us from being targeted. Sadly, we lost sentimental items that were never recovered. I believe that security signs are small; consequently, not offensive. They can be effective deterrents in an area where we have no security staff patrolling and police response time is delayed due to their physical distance from the resort.

359. People should be able to put stickers on their windows or doors signifying security systems but not a sign

360. I don't think they serve any real purpose.

361. With all the real issues associated with antiquated, irrelevant "regulations" governing life at "Eagle Crest" this is the equivalent of urgently asking passengers on the Titanic how they would like their dinner napkins folded.

362. Small signs 1 foot square or smaller are common all over the US. We had one here in Vista Rim for 12 years before getting a violation letter. Not one person ever commented positively or negatively about this non evasive sign. Criminals pay attention to these things, not the average citizen. With some basic guidelines as far as size and proximity to a house, nothing more than 5' from a house, to me, is very reasonable

363. A small security sign should not be a problem.

366. Although I do not have a sign, I believe it gives the owner a feeling of security; especially due to the economy right now

369. Please do not allow any additional signs. The security signs are bad enough. It would be nice if they were non existent. It is just free advertising for the security company and not necessary.

372. Perhaps rather than signs, it would be a better idea to bring back security patrols.

373. Security signs are often the most important part of the security system.

374. I don't have any issue with security signs

377. If any homeowner posts a sign it almost requires neighbours do likewise or be at risk of being a victim to the burglar that is looking for an easier target.

If they are to be allowed, I'd recommend only small signs affixed to the inside of the window. Do NOT allow any free standing signs.

378. It has been proven that a simple security sign can deter some robbery attempts but naturally a security system is the best recourse ... it make them less likely to want to deal with your property.

379. If allowed there should be a size limit. These signs are typically quite small which is appropriate.

380. This is our neighborhood and it makes perfect sense to allow security signs. This is a no-brainer for me.

It seems rather foolish that the management company has been spending so much time writing violations for this issue.

381. Allow small security signs

382. Small and tasteful are important caveats... large, gaudy, and non-professional should be "actionable" for removal... a subjective standard of course, but necessary language.

383. I personally wouldn't post a sign as I feel they are kind of ugly, but if someone else feels it is necessary and makes them feel more comfortable, they should be able to.

385. No comment. They are not unsightly.

387. When we bought our home in Vista Rim in 2018 the previous owner had security signs on all winds on all sides plus a sign in the front yard even though no security system existed. I was written up about the sign in the yard a year after we moved in and I immediately removed ALL signage, including a NRA sticker in my entry window. Personally I find signs offensive and they cheapen the neighborhood.

390. Friends of mine in law enforcement state security signs are very important in a security system, and some say the sign is the most important part of a system.

391. Signs could be given a smaller dimension when placed in the front near the door.

393. I think reasonable signs 1 in front 1 in back or near the most likely entrance for an intruder would be ideal. We've had our home at the coast burglarized in 2016 and having a sign is a deterrent.

395. Why are we always having to review rules which are very clear in the CCRs. People should have read them before buying and if they did not like the rules, buy somewhere else. I guess I could live with the Security signs but absolutely no For Sale/Rent signs. Makes the place look trashy.

397. They should be allowed . . .

398. Not a big issue. Such signs probably do no real good with preventing break-ins, but they're not a big deal either.

399. I think signs are a potential deterrent to burglaries -- I support allowing them.

400. They can be a deterrent to a burglar

401. Yes. We purchased our home 2 years ago and it had a security sign by the driveway when we bought it. Like you mention in the lead-up to the survey, many people on the Ridge do not live there full-time. Our primary home is in Ohio, so imagine my surprise to receive an email (found it in my spam box) telling me to remove my sign or you would start making me pay fines.

Really?!? All the things going on right now and you want me to pay a fine for having a sign that had been there for years?

403. I don't object to them because they can function as a deterrent.

411. This is not worth enforcement time or dollars. Let our residents have a standard security sign. This is not a descent down the slippery slope to all kinds of signage.