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ISLANDWALK AT THE WEST VILLAGES
ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE (ACC)
REVIEW GUIDELINES

The Purpose of these Architectural Review Guidelines is to allow the flexibility for individual identity while assuring the aesthetic integrity and uniform harmony for the entire community. These basic guidelines provide the framework for an Architectural Control Committee (ACC) review of an application but do not guarantee an "approval". The authority for these guidelines is in accordance with prevailing Florida Laws, Ordinances, IslandWalk at the West Villages Governing Documents, including the implied powers within IslandWalk at the West Villages Declarations. All ACC applications will be reviewed on an individual basis using these guidelines. No changes to the exterior of homes or lots (as outlined in this document) may occur prior to written approval from the ACC.

The application process begins by contacting the Homeowners Association (HOA) for a copy of the **ARCHITECTURAL CHANGE FORM.** The form may also be located on the web at www.islandwalkwestvillages.com. The homeowner will submit this form for all proposed additions, changes, or modifications, etc., **along with a lot survey** marked to show the location of the proposed addition, change or modification. Additional information such as product specification sheets, floor plans, exterior elevations (all views), site plans (showing application setbacks, dimensions from property lines to proposed structures, etc.), should also be included when appropriate. In addition, submissions must include pictures of proposed items, and/or proposed areas to be altered, proposed colors, patterns, materials, and all additional information necessary for the ACC to make an informed decision. **If all required information is not received with the submitted Architectural Change Form application, the committee may defer any decisions on the application until all requested information is received.**

If the Architectural Control Committee or the IslandWalk at the West Villages HOA, denies a homeowner's request or application for the construction of a structure or other improvement or change on a Lot, the association or committee must provide written notice to the Lot owner stating with specificity the rule or covenant on which the association or committee relied when denying the request or application and the specific aspect or part of the proposed improvement that does not conform to such rule or covenant.

Guidelines are as follows

I. Antennae

Homeowner must make every reasonable effort to comply with the following:

1. Satellite dish antennae must not exceed one meter in diameter. Satellite dishes may not be mounted on the zero-lot easement side of a home. Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis in the event a homeowner cannot obtain adequate signal reception.

II. Awnings

1. Retractable type awnings made of suitable outdoor material with aluminum frame may be permitted on the rear of the home only. They must be secured to the home and capable of withstanding a storm event according to building code standards. *See the definition of "storm event" later under "Hurricane and Storm Shutters".* The frame may be bronze or white and no more than three colors on the material which complement the home.

2. Awnings of any type are not permitted on the front of a home or on the side windows.

III. Driveways, Entry Walkways and Spigot Paver Pads

1. Driveways cannot be expanded in width beyond the garage foundation.

2. Entry walkways adjacent to the home and garage cannot exceed the foundation of either.

3. Expanding entry walkways at the junction with the driveway cannot be wider than fifteen (15) feet measured from the garage foundation closest to the sidewalk.

4. Paver color and product name must be provided. Pavers must match, or nearly match. If neither is available, then all pavers must be blended within the original paver areas.

5. Driveway stains or surface coatings are not permitted, unless such stains are clear. ACC approval is not needed to clear coat.

6. Homeowners may not change the actual driveway surface from what the developer installed.

7. Retractable garage door screening is not permitted.

8. Spigot pad is not to be larger than 4 feet by 8 feet.

IV. Seasonal and Non-Seasonal Exterior Decorations

1. Homeowners may temporarily display appropriate and respectful exterior seasonal decorations from November 20th through January 10th only. Any such seasonal decorations shall be located solely within the front and rear of landscaped areas, front door, and directly below the garage exterior lights.

2. Seasonal decorations or lighting may not be installed on any tree, palm, or shrub in common areas. At the homeowner's sole risk, decorations or lighting placed on trees, palms, shrubs, or in those areas which are maintained by the association (lots) are subject to damage by maintenance personnel, and the association will accept **no** liability for any such damage.

3. Approval without the need to submit an ACC application, for up to six non-seasonal outdoor decorations total, front and back, not exceeding 36" x 36" x 36" each and meeting the following requirements is granted for homes.

    a. Decorations attached to a wall may not extend more than 6" in depth. No names or numbers other than the homeowner's name and address may appear on the decorations.

    b. Decorations other than temporary seasonal lighting may not be illuminated.

    c. Approval may be revoked based on complaints from a homeowner or the association if the decorations are deemed offensive or aesthetically non-conforming to the neighborhood in the sole discretion of the association.

4. Decorations not meeting the above requirements may be considered on a case by case basis following submission of an application. Any homeowner desiring assurance prior to installing a decoration may file an application.

V. Exterior Lighting (Non-Seasonal)

1. Lanai lighting is considered exterior lighting.

2. Outdoor fans with lights, when placed in locations wired by the builder do not require ACC approval.

3. Exterior lighting placed within covered lanais that are not flashing, not multi-colored, not generally visible to next door neighbors, and not above wattage generally used on interior home lights do not require ACC approval.

4. Exterior lighting in screened areas of lanais, around screen doors, and outside lanais around the base of shrubs and trees require ACC approval. Generally, approval will not be granted for multicolored lights, strobe or flashing lights, or lighting brighter than that used on builder installed exterior garage lights and front door entryway lights.

5. Any other exterior lighting that is flashing, multi-colored, above wattage used on builder installed garage lights and front door entryways, or generally visible to neighboring homes will not be permitted.

6. Garage sconces must be similar to original, i.e., black; height 18-24"; width 6-10"; depth 8-12"; clear with no color; smooth; textured; seeded glass sides; metal; 1 clear/white

bulb per fixture; sufficient light to illuminate driveway regarding safety; bulb not to exceed 75 watts incandescent, or its equivalent. Applications must include example and specifications of the exterior lighting fixture including the wattage of the bulbs.

VI. Fences

1. Fences are not permitted.

VII. Privacy Walls

1. **Privacy Walls**: All proposals for the construction of new privacy walls (or modifications to existing privacy walls) on private Lots shall require ACC approval. Approvals will be considered on a case-by-case basis with attention to statutory requirements, location, dimensions and viewshed impact. Construction of privacy walls on attached homes may require written consent of the adjoining homeowner. All privacy walls must be located and constructed in a manner that ensures access to all surfaces of the wall and surrounding structures for purposes of repair and upkeep.

VIII. Flags, Flagpole or Bracket for Flag

1. Flags. Any homeowner may display one official, unaltered, portable, removable United States flag displayed in a respectful manner consistent with the requirements for the United States flag under 36 U.S.C. chapter 10, (and) one official unaltered, portable, removable flag of the State of Florida, or the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, Coast Guard, POW-MIA or First Responder[i] flag as defined in Florida Statute sec.720.304(2)(a).
   Any such flags shall be no larger than 4 1/2 feet by 6 feet. No more than two (2) of the enumerated flags shall be displayed at one time, provided however that one of the flags being displayed is an official, unaltered United States flag, and further provided that any additional flag being displayed must be equal in size or smaller than the United States flag. (See: sec. 720.304(2)(a)) Display of Flag). In all matters related to flags and related accessories, the homeowner shall contact the HOA and ACC Committee for the latest local, state and federal instructions and requirements prior to display.

2. Flagpole. Any homeowner may erect a freestanding flagpole no greater than twenty (20) feet in height, if the flagpole does not obstruct sightlines at intersections and is not erected within or on an easement in accordance with Florida Statute. The flagpole is subject to all building codes, zoning setbacks and other applicable governmental regulations. The homeowner is required to adhere to the requirements per Florida Statute, and the homeowner will be subject to all remedial actions allowed by the City of North Port, and the governing documents of IslandWalk at the West Villages, and any associated monetary costs.

3. Cement based flag poles may require City of North Port permit and do require ACC approval prior to installation.

4. Black or Bronze flagpole brackets/holders capable of holding a ¾ inch dowel and mounted to the home on either side of the garage opening do not require ACC approval.

IX. Front Entry and Screening

1. Front entry or front door screening will require ACC approval.

2. Front entry aluminum must be the same color as the windows, either bronze or aesthetic white.

3. Screening must be charcoal or black.

4. Retractable front door screening requires ACC approval.

5. Garage door screening is not permitted.

X. Central Air-Conditioning, Refrigeration, Heating, or Ventilating Systems

Florida Statute Chapter 489 requires all HVAC contractors to obtain a building permit to install, remove or replace any AC system, as regulated by Florida Building Code.

1. Top discharge outdoor central air-conditioning, refrigeration, heating and ventilation systems will not require review and approval of plans by the ACC if such systems are not visible from the parcel's frontage, an adjacent parcel or an adjacent common area, (or) are substantially similar in location, appearance and size to an existing system being replaced or that is approved or recommended by the association.

2. Side discharge outdoor central air-conditioning, refrigeration, heating and ventilation systems require ACC review and approval to ensure adequate clearance from adjacent properties and landscaping.

3. Mini-Split Ductless A/C Units require ACC review and approval.

A. The air conditioning unit must be mounted on a hurricane rated pad or elevated wall mount that cannot be at a height greater than the current home air conditioning condenser.

B. Equipment must be blocked from street view using landscaping material.

XI. Generators and Propane Tanks (Permanent Installation)

1. The generator unit must be mounted on a hurricane rated pad.

2. Installation must be along the side of the home and not to the front or rear.

3. The equipment cannot encroach on an easement.

4. All propane tanks must be buried. The propane tank fill cap must be within a landscaped bed area.

5. Equipment must be blocked from street view using landscaping material.

6. The city of North Port requires permits before installation.

7. Gas grille 25-pound style propane tanks are exempt from burial requirements, however, they cannot be permanently installed.

XII. Hurricane and Storm Shutters

1. For the purposes of this section, hurricane and storm shutters will be categorized as either temporarily attached or permanently attached.
    - Temporarily Attached: These are shutters (also called hurricane panels) that are not permanently attached to the home. They are placed on the home openings when a storm event is approaching and then removed and placed in storage after the storm event.
    - Permanently Attached: These shutter systems are permanently attached to the home and can be opened and closed depending on weather conditions. Some examples include “accordion shutters” and “rolling shutters”. The ACC will review all permanently attached shutter system applications with attention to the selection of colors that are similar or complimentary to the existing house color scheme.

2. If approved for use by the HOA, temporarily attached shutters may only be placed on the home openings during a storm event or when a storm event is imminent. Permanently attached shutters may be closed only during a storm event or when a storm event is imminent.

3. A “storm event” is defined as a meteorological event in which winds in excess of fifty (50) mph and rainfall has occurred, or is expected to occur, within ten (10) days. Shutters must be taken down (or opened depending on the type) within ten (10) days after a storm event.

4. For any hurricane shutter system which requires a center bar, the center bar may not be permanently installed and must be removed along with the storm shutters after the storm event.

5. Enclosures that have been approved by the ACC, that are not made of completely opaque material, and that are designed to screen for privacy, rain, wind and/or shade, such as, for example and not as an exclusive, “Storm Smart” shutters may be opened and closed at the homeowner’s discretion within the lanai and will not be considered

hurricane shutters subject to the ten (10) day limitation. Also, clear Lexan panels covering non-opening windows on the sides of a home will not be considered hurricane/storm shutters subject to the ten (10) day limitation.

XIII. Landscaping and Lighting

1. Landscaping additions, deletions, and revisions shall be permitted on a case-by-case basis.

2. Border edging must consist of preformed concrete, or pavers. All border edging must be embedded in the ground such that the top of the material remains at least 2" below the mowed grass height.

3. Any additional landscaping that results in the modification of the existing landscaped bed footprint will require ACC approval prior to installation. The replacement of existing landscaping in kind and similar in size and the installation or replacement of annuals or small plants will not require ACC approval.

4. Prohibited plant species include all species prohibited by Sarasota County and the City of North Port as amended from time to time. Additional species may be prohibited based on size, appearance, or maintenance requirements.

5. Landscape lighting must be low voltage (12-15 volts) and mounted within landscaped bed areas to allow the applicant to readily maintain the lights. All wiring not in a landscaped bed area should be buried six (6) inches to protect it from mowers and trimming/edging equipment.

6. Only live plants are permissible on the exterior of the home.

7. All installations of border edging separating landscaped and mowed areas shall be made only after application to and approval by the ACC. Care should be taken to ensure that drainage issues are not created and that the border is in general harmony with the home and landscaped bed area. Any installation of borders shall be at the sole risk and responsibility of the homeowner for maintenance and for any damage caused to or by the border, including, but not limited to, any damage to equipment used by the landscaping contractor. Loose materials, such as stones, are not allowed as border edging. Pavers, concrete and block are the allowed materials for border edging. All border edging must be embedded in the ground such that the top of the material remains at least 2" below the mowed grass height. The border edging must be installed either straight or with flowing curves – tight corners are not allowed. In areas between homes, sufficient room must be provided for landscaping equipment to maneuver.

XIV. Landscaping with Hardscape

1. Hardscape shall consist of stone installed in existing landscaped bed areas in the front and/or rear of a home only. The stone shall be smooth and rounded, not crushed, or sharp-edged. The stone size shall be between 1 and 2.5 inches in diameter. The stone colors shall be natural, neutral earth tones and aesthetically in harmony with the community design. No artificially colored or painted rock shall be permitted. Shells, small pebbles, lava rock and crushed stone shall not be permitted as part of the hardscape landscaping.

2. A one thousand dollar ($1000.00) debris and damage deposit for common area damage will be required from any party installing hardscape. The deposit is refunded when all roadways and landscaping are restored to the original state.

3. Hardscape stone will be allowed in replacement of existing mulch upon prior written approval by the Architectural Control Committee. All mulch must be removed in the designated hardscape areas prior to installation of hardscape stones. Removed mulch must be disposed of accordance with North Port and IslandWalk regulations.

4. Only stone options approved by the Committee may be used. The hardscape stones shall be installed to a thickness of three (3) to four (4) inches. Ground cover or hardscape material shall not be used to spell out names, nicknames, names of states, city, athletic teams, slogans, states, emblems, geometric patterns, or any other communication.

5. Heavy Duty landscape fabric is required below the hardscape. The landscaping fabric must allow the free flow of water, air, and gases to and from the soil and be fully covered by the hardscape stone. The use of solid plastic sheeting, polyethylene or other non-porous base materials is prohibited below the hardscape.

6. The footprint of the landscaped bed areas shall not change when installing hardscape stone. The existing plants in landscaped bed areas shall be maintained when installing hardscape stones. The irrigation plan must be maintained to support the existing plants. Irrigation sprinkler heads shall not be blocked by the hardscape material. Modification to the irrigation due to hardscape installation must be done by the IslandWalk contracted landscape/irrigation company.

7. All hardscaped areas shall be fully contained by solid border edging consisting of preformed concrete, or pavers separating the hardscape from any lawn as defined in the ACC Guidelines. Metal or synthetic border edging is not permitted. The inside height of the solid border must be high enough to fully contain the hardscape material. The outside of the border edging must be embedded in the ground such that the top of the material remains at least 2” below the mowed grass height. The border color shall be consistent with the hardscape material. To prevent soil erosion and to maintain positive drainage, the original grades of the Lot shall be maintained during landscape installation and modification.

8. Hardscape between homes is prohibited. Installation of hardscape between homes as part of a drainage solution will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Detailed drawings of the area between homes including measurements, materials to be used, water drainage plan and installation plan are required. A Neighbor Access Letter is required as this modification affects both homes.

9. A reasonable sample of the hardscape material, showing the size and natural color variations in the selected stone, must be provided. The brand name, thickness, type and sample of the landscaping fabric must be provided. Pictures of the home and all landscaped bed areas that will be hardscaped must be provided.

10. Hardscape landscaping is prohibited around backflow pipes and utility boxes.

11. Hardscape proposals for attached homes including quads and villas will require contemporaneous applications from adjoining lots whenever any of the affected landscaped bed areas span both lots. The proposals must specify the same hardscape material, landscape fabric, and border. A separate ACC Application will be required for each lot.

12. The homeowner is fully responsible for all maintenance of the hardscape installation. The IslandWalk HOA is not responsible for refurbishment or repair of hardscape landscaping.

XV. Painting

The IW color palette has been designed to provide aesthetic harmony within the IslandWalk community. The color palette consists of many color schemes. Each color scheme consists of a set of colors associated with each of the home's components, i.e., body, trim, garage door, front door, and shutters. The complete IslandWalk color palette can be viewed at the IW HOA office.

Single family homeowners must submit an ACC Change Form request to paint their home, whether same color scheme or different paint scheme, using the homeowner's choices from the ACC approved color scheme. The color scheme must be different from the neighbor to the immediate left and right of their home. Color schemes are not to be altered by introducing other palette colors. Work cannot proceed until after review and approval of the request by the ACC.

Attached Home painting (NOT INCLUDING QUADS) must include the entire shared home and be done with the adjoining homeowner's permission and approval by the ACC whether proposing the same or different color scheme. If the homeowners cannot agree on the need to repaint the attached home building or, having agreed on the need to repaint, cannot agree on the color selected, each homeowner shall choose a member of the Board to act as their arbiter. The Board members so chosen shall agree upon and choose a third Board member to act as an additional arbiter.

Quads. The Association may, if the Board so determines, paint the exterior surface of the walls, doors, and window frames of the homes within Quads.

Lanai Walls are structural walls of the Home. They are considered exterior, and they must be the same color as the rest of home "body" color.

Painting applications must include the following:

a. Identify colors including paint, manufacturer, color name and color number, and scheme name from the approved ACC color SCHEMES.

b. Elevation of structure area to be painted (elevation survey) identifying the location(s) of each paint color. If submitting using a photo, notate body color x, trim bands color y, door color z, etc.

c. Downspouts must be the same color as the soffits and gutters and must match the front window frame color, either aesthetic white or bronze.
Minor paintings required to maintain the condition of the home in their respective color may not require ACC approval.

d. Color photographs of adjacent homes, with addresses clearly shown, on both sides of the applicant's home.

XVI. Patios

1. Flat concrete work may be approved on a case-by-case basis.

2. A one thousand dollar ($1000.00) debris and damage deposit for common area damage will be required from any party installing a pool or doing any concrete work. The deposit is refunded when all roadways and landscaping are restored to the original state.

3. All patios must comply with setback requirements for unit.

4. The homeowner must provide a signed letter from an adjacent neighbor allowing encroachment into the neighbor's yard for supplies and heavy equipment. The homeowner is responsible for restoring that adjacent neighbor's property to its original state.

5. Homeowners may ask permission from the Board of Directors to access association property for supplies and heavy equipment if needed. The homeowner is responsible for restoring the association property to its original state.

XVII. Patio/Lanai Screen Enclosures

1. Screen enclosures may not include kick plates. Screen must continue to deck. Screen color must be charcoal or black.

2 Exterior aluminums may be bronze or white color.

3. All screen applications must be accompanied with site plan & elevations. Screen wall height must match dwelling unit wall height.

4. A One Thousand Dollar ($1,000.00) debris and damage deposit for common area damage will be required from any party installing a pool or doing any concrete work. The deposit is refundable when all roadways and landscaping are restored to their original state.

5. The homeowner must provide a signed letter from an adjacent neighbor allowing encroachment into the neighbor's yard for supplies and heavy equipment. The homeowner is responsible for restoring that adjacent neighbor's property to its original state.

6. Homeowners may ask permission from the Board of Directors to access association property for supplies and heavy equipment if needed. The homeowner is responsible for restoring the association property to its original state.

XVIII. Pools and Spas

1. Pools & spas are permitted on a case-by-case basis. No above ground pools are permitted.

2. Portable (above ground) hot tubs are permitted but must be placed within a screen enclosure or covered lanai.

3. A request to install a pool which includes a heat pump or other pool equipment which is located outside of a screened enclosure may contain an additional condition that additional landscaping be placed around the heat pump or pool equipment. All pool heaters are to vent away from the home and/or toward the lake. Pool equipment may not be in the zero-lot line easement of a home.

4. A one thousand dollar ($1,000.00) debris and damage deposit for common area damage will be required from any party installing a pool or doing any concrete work. The deposit is refundable when all roadways and landscaping are restored to their original state.

5. The homeowner must provide a signed letter from an adjacent neighbor allowing encroachment into the neighbor's yard for supplies and heavy equipment. The homeowner is responsible for restoring that adjacent neighbor's property to its original state.

6. Homeowner may ask permission from the Board of Directors to access association property for supplies and heavy equipment if needed. The homeowner is responsible for restoring the association property to its original state.

XIX. Solar Heating and Cooling

1. Solar panels may not be installed on the front elevation of the home. Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis if the placement of the panels impairs effectiveness of the solar panels, as specified in "Florida Statute 163.04 – Energy Devices Based on Renewable Resources".

2. Solar panels, vents, or other roof mounted mechanical equipment may not exceed one and one-half feet (18 inches) in height from the roof surface.

XX. Window Treatments

1. All draperies, curtains, shades, or other window coverings installed in a home, and which are visible from the parcel's frontage or an adjacent parcel, or an adjacent common area, shall have a white color backing, unless otherwise approved in writing by the ACC.

2. Window tinting that is visible from the parcel's frontage or an adjacent parcel, or an adjacent common area, may be applied for energy conservation purposes only. Highly reflective, dark, or mirror-like tinting will not be approved.

3. Tinting must be consistently applied on any one side of the home.

XXI. Installation, Display, and Storage of Items

Any items[ii] to be installed, displayed or stored on a private Lot, including but not limited to, artificial turf, boats, flags, vegetable gardens, clotheslines, and recreational vehicles will be prohibited if such items are visible from the parcel's frontage or an adjacent parcel or an adjacent common area. Any requested exception to this standard for items not included among those noted above may be considered on a case by case basis and will require written approval from the ACC prior to being installed, displayed or stored on any private Lot.

XXII. Roof Repairs and Replacements

1. Repairs and Maintenance: Repairs and required work for the routine maintenance of roofs do not require ACC approval. Each homeowner shall at all times be responsible for the maintenance, costs and care of their portion of shared roofing.

2. Roof Replacement: Roof replacements require ACC approval. The ACC will review proposals for roof replacement materials, colors and design with attention to the aesthetic harmony of the entire community.

3. Attached Home Roof Replacements (NOT INCLUDING QUADS) must include the entire shared roof and must be done with the adjoining homeowner's permission and

approval by the ACC. If the adjoining homeowners cannot agree on the need to replace the shared roof, each homeowner shall choose a member of the Board to act as their arbiter. The Board members so chosen shall agree upon and choose a third Board member to act as an additional arbiter.

4. A One Thousand Dollar ($1,000.00) debris and damage deposit for common area damage will be required from any homeowner replacing a roof. The deposit is refundable when all common property, roadways and landscaping are restored to their original state.

Miscellaneous

***The association has the authority to inspect all projects including modifications to the grading and or elevation changes created by the homeowner's construction. All associated inspection fees shall be paid for by the homeowner. The homeowner is responsible to restore the grade to its original condition at the homeowner's expense.**

Definitions

Landscaped Bed Areas: Shall mean areas of the property that are typically covered with mulch and planted with trees, shrubs, flowers, etc. - not including turf areas.

ACC: Shall mean the IslandWalk at the West Villages Architectural Control Committee.

Committee: Shall mean the IslandWalk at the West Villages Architectural Control Committee.

Lot: Shall mean any privately owned lot/parcel in IslandWalk at the West Villages.

Quad: Shall mean attached homes consisting of four dwellings.

Seasonal Decorations/Lighting: Shall mean any temporary holiday-themed decorations/lighting displayed on a private Lot between November 20th through January 10th.

Color Scheme: Shall mean a set of colors approved by the HOA associated with each of the home's components, i.e., body, trim, garage door, front door, decorative shutters and storm shutters.

Privacy Wall (AKA Party Wall): Shall mean common walls in attached homes that may extend into the lanais between two (2) homes located upon a Lot line between two (2) homes, provided that the mere fact that such a division wall between two (2) homes is found to be not on a Lot line shall not preclude that division wall from being a Privacy Wall/Party Wall. The homeowners of the homes adjacent to a Privacy Wall/Party Wall shall own such Wall as tenants in common.

[i] **First Responder**: As defined in Fl. Statute 720.304(2)(a) shall mean:

a. Law enforcement officers as defined in s. 943.10(1).

b. Firefighters as defined in s. 112.191(1).

c. Paramedics or emergency medical technicians as those terms are defined in s. 112.1911(1).

d. Correctional officers as defined in s. 943.10(2).

e. 911 public safety telecommunicators as defined in s. 401.465(1).

f. Advanced practice registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, or registered nurses as those terms are defined in s. 464.003.

g. Persons participating in a statewide urban search and rescue program developed by the Division of Emergency Management under s. 252.35.

h. Federal law enforcement officers as defined in 18 U.S.C. s. 115(c)(1).

[ii] The term “items” in this section does not include items identified as “decorations” in sections IV and V of these guidelines.