

Fencing - Architectural Standards Bulletin Fencing

Fencing Guidelines

WPOA members in good standing may fence their property after receiving ACC review and issuance of the required permit. For the purposes of this bulletin here are two basic classes of fencing: Security Fencing and Privacy Fencing.

Security Fencing shall not obscure the primary views of the home from the street or other public spaces.

Privacy Fencing may screen from view the rear portions of a property that are not primary elevations or fronting on common areas

Security Fencing

Security Fencing shall not excessively obscure the primary elevation(s) from public view. Primary elevations are the front and those sides of the home visible from or adjacent to public Right of Ways such as roads, greenbelts and golf courses.

- Fencing fronting on public right of way, streets, golf course, alleys and designated green spaces is considered security fencing and shall allow more than 50% visibility through the fence.

- Security fencing adjacent to public areas and closer to the street than the front of the home or the building line shall not be solid privacy type fencing that blocks more than 50% observation of the property.

- Acceptable security fencing types are wrought iron, post and rail, welded wire set in frames and other materials that do not obscure more than 50% of the sight lines through the fence and approved by the ACC. Metal panels that do not obscure more than 50% of the sight line through the fence are allowed if set in architectural frames.

- Fencing higher than 72 inches above existing grade is not acceptable.

Privacy Fencing or Solid Screen Fencing

- Privacy fencing that may obscure sight lines and is allowed around each lot but shall not project further toward to the street or other public face than the footprint of the home or the recorded building line whichever is greater from the street.

- Fencing planned for portions of a property that are not primary sightlines may utilize but are not confined to using solid materials as screening. Examples of acceptable materials are rough-sawn or smooth wood planks, rock and other masonry, wood stockade type fencing, horizontal stacked wood boughs or wood palisade set with substantial frames and other materials deemed acceptable by the ACC. Metal panels will not be approved.

- "Good Neighbor" fencing with alternating wood planks is acceptable

- Fencing of corner lots shall not obscure the street intersection and inhibit vehicular traffic. In some cases this means that privacy fencing cannot encompass the entire property line to the corner.

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