

Fencing Guidelines for Properties within the Foxhall Community

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Property owners must obtain approval from the [Architectural Control Committee](#) (ACC) for construction or replacement of fences. The [Protective Covenants](#) for Foxhall provide for the aesthetic, healthful and uniform development of properties within Foxhall. The ACC is empowered to adopt reasonable regulations with respect to the enforcement of these covenants. An [application](#) can be found on the ACC contact page of our website.

The covenants state, in part: “No fence shall be constructed on any lot unless approved by the Architectural Control Committee and shall generally consist of a 3-board fence, painted white, & particularly those portions of fence abutting the roadways.”

To enhance the safety of our trails for community and their animals, the ACC, Foxhall Board of Directors and members of the Trails Committee have created the following guidelines to inform homeowners of additional design and construction details that will be assessed when evaluating fencing to be erected, rebuilt, or replaced along Foxhall Trails.

Design Guidelines for Fencing Adjacent to Foxhall Trails:

In addition to the specified 3-board fence, other types of fences may be approved near or adjacent to Foxhall trails if they satisfy the ACC as to quality of workmanship and materials, harmony of external design as well as the above cited aesthetic, healthful and uniform development of properties. Should an applicant propose a fence of a type or design not addressed by these guidelines, the fence shall be evaluated on achieving similar standards of safety and quality.

1. Wire mesh fencing (rolls or panels): having openings or mesh size no larger than 4” x 2”, and be, preferably, of the woven wire “no-climb” type for strength and durability, or be at least 14 gauge if of the welded wire type. Top rails may be added to this type of fence to provide additional strength and protection for the fencing material. Field type wire mesh fencing or welded panels for cattle, hogs, goats or sheep are not permissible unless set back from the trail boundary at a distance to be approved by the ACC.
2. Cable, wire, cord or strap fencing (including high-tensile wire): shall be of the polymer coated, braided or strap type for safety and visibility. Bare wire fencing is not permissible unless set back from the trail boundary at a distance to be approved by the ACC. Barbed wire is not permissible.
3. Wood or PVC privacy fencing may be permissible in certain circumstances, such as close proximity of the owner’s home to the trail. Picket fences, or other types with vertical projections are not permissible near the trail.
4. Fence posts shall be wood or PVC with a minimum dimension of 3.5”. Metal t-type fence posts must be sheathed and capped in vinyl, PVC or some other protective covering. Unsheathed or otherwise hazardous fence posts are not permissible unless set back from the trail boundary at a distance to be approved by the ACC.
5. Electric wires, if attached to the fence structure, must be mounted on the property owner’s side of the fence.
6. The ACC may request a voluntary “chamfered corner” setback at certain Foxhall Trail intersections to allow tractors to turn the corner to mow Foxhall Trails.

Construction Guidelines:

1. Find the property corners to accurately locate the property line. Hire a surveyor if necessary.
2. Fences shall not encroach on Foxhall Trail property. It is recommended that fences are held at least 6” off the line in order to ensure that the fencing is entirely on the owner’s lot.
3. Obstacles on the property line such as large trees or boulders must divert the path of the fence within the owner’s property unless an agreement with the ACC can be reached for removal of the obstacle.
4. Coordinate with Trails Committee, for safety to trail users, if the fence contractor needs to work inside Foxhall land or if fence post holes will be open during the construction period.
5. Clean any debris, nails, and materials from building the fence. Any disturbance to Foxhall land from fence building shall be restored to a condition at least equal to the condition before construction.