

3.6 Fences. (Revised March 16, 2006)

3.6.1 Allowable Fence Location.

Fences are generally discouraged in MLPC, to protect the open feeling and rural character of our development. As described below, however, variances may be approved by the Board on a case by case basis. Fences shall not be permitted for the purpose of enclosing or demarcating Site or Lot boundaries. An exception to this prohibition is the MLPC-maintained perimeter fence which encloses Meridian Lake Park and protects the development from cattle intrusion. Fences, to the extent permitted, must be designed to create a harmonious appearance with the residential structures and surrounding landscape. Fences must be maintained in a safe and attractive condition. Any fence considered to be in a state of disrepair must be either repaired or removed within 14 days of written notice.

3.6.2 Animal Containment.

Within MLPC boundaries, fences may be used for animal containment and protection. The use of underground electric fences is the preferred method for domestic animal containment. *When an above ground fence is proposed, it must be designed to the following standards:*

Height: *48 inches or less measured from the top of the top rail or wire (i.e. the highest horizontal element) to the average grade between two adjacent posts. Fence posts may be higher than 48" but must not exceed 54 inches above grade (as measured from the base of the post).*

Materials:

Posts are recommended to be constructed from either:

- a) Logs of a pre-approved average diameter.*
- b) Square dimensional lumber (stained to a pre-approved shade) 4 inch minimum to 8 inch maximum size.*
- c) All other proposed materials must be approved by the Board in advance. No "T" section metal agricultural fence posts will be permitted.*

Rails are recommended to be constructed from either:

- a) Logs of a pre-approved average diameter*
- b) Split logs*
- c) Square dimensional lumber (stained to match posts)*
- d) Tubular or square metal rails*
- e) All other proposed materials must be approved by the Board in advance.*

Retaining material must be either 4 inch or 6 inch rectangular welded, rusted, wire mesh (WWM). All other proposed materials must be approved by the Board in advance. Chicken wire or chain link materials are not allowed.

3.6.3 Fence Approvals.

All proposed fences (landscaping included.) must be approved by the Board of Managers