

## **SIERRA SPRINGS OWNERS ASSOCIATION (SSOA) FENCE RULES**

Owners are prohibited from constructing fences on easements or property they do not own, including neighbors' properties, right of way, or SSOA common areas.

Fences fall into four (4) categories:

**Containment fences:** for, and limited to, containing children and dogs. Containment fences should not be seen from the road, if possible, and be in the back yard. Fences should not be obtrusive to neighboring lots. This back-area fencing should be attached to the back of the house or garage. If access to the back fenced area is not convenient a variance for entry from the side of the house will be given. To minimize fire risk, wood fencing should not be attached directly to a structure. Chain link with metal slats is a better alternative. Containment fences may be no higher than 6 feet.

A portable kennel of chain link fencing can be no larger than 10x12x6 feet high and must be adjacent to the back of the house or garage.

**Privacy fences:** may be erected for small privacy areas, such as around a hot tub. Privacy fences must be attached to the house or decking and be located at the side or back of a property.

**Security fences:** may be erected to protect fruit trees and gardens from deer and other wildlife and may extend only around the trees and/or garden.

**Decorative fences:** may be erected to help define the front area of the property boundaries. Decorative fences over 32 inches to a maximum of 4 feet high (48 inches) may be used to define entryways and driveways.

### **DESIGN REQUIREMENTS**

- Solid wood fences are discouraged unless a minimum of a 6 foot non-flammable section exists between the wood and any structure. Wood fences are allowed only for privacy fences.
- Decorative fences may be erected from various materials such as wood, split rail, wrought iron, rock pillars and brick pillars.
- Field-wire fencing with green T-posts, wooden round posts, peeler core posts or split rail posts, and chain link fences are acceptable containment fencing. Containment fencing cannot be more than 6 feet high.
- Tube, decorative, or wrought iron gates are acceptable gates for use across the driveway and cannot be more than 5 feet high.
- Barbed-wire and razor wire fences, and/or barbed wire and razor wire on top of fences are prohibited

Materials must be kept in good repair.