

Guidelines for Deer Fences

A Deer Fence is a structure and therefore requires approval from the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) before it is installed. There are also a number of specific rules concerning fences, including a prohibition against fences over 48 inches. This requirement can be waived only by a special exception approved by the ARC.

A request for approval of a Deer Fence requires the submission of a plan. It can be simple or complex depending on the proposed fence, but all Plans have to have;

1. The Owner's name and contact information
2. The address where the change is proposed
3. A detailed description of what is being proposed

If the ARC needs additional information or clarification to complete the Plan, it will request it promptly.

With respect to plans for Deer Fences, the ARC has provided additional guidance, as follows:

- 1) The ARC strongly recommends that Owners explore alternative means of controlling access by deer to their property and that they consult with their immediate neighbors concerning their plans before requesting a Deer Fence.
- 2) As with all structures, any proposed Deer Fence must comply with all Baltimore County Codes and permit requirements. (Please note that a Deer Fence will require a permit from Baltimore County, which must be obtained separately from any ARC approval).
- 3) All plans for any Deer Fence must be specific with respect to the design, height, color, finish, appearance, and materials of the proposed fence.
- 4) Plans should include a site drawing showing both the location of the proposed fence and its relationship to any structures on the Owner's Lot or adjacent Lots.
- 5) Deer Fences will only be approved if the enclosed area is wooded and if the fence has been designed and placed in such a manner as to be least visible from any adjacent lot, public roadway, or common area.
- 6) In keeping with Section 4.8.6., no fence shall be located between the front boundary of the Lot and any structure on the Lot.
- 7) The above is intended as guidance in preparing plans. Other matters specific to the site may be taken into consideration in reviewing plans.

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