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## **Guidelines for Building New Privacy Fences**

Wooden privacy fences are allowed within the given guidelines. Metal, chain link, vinyl, and any other fencing materials are not permitted. Homeowners must receive two separate approvals before construction is authorized. The HOA board must first approve all fence plans. Plans should include plot plan showing fence location, means of attachment to the home, location of neighbor's fence if one exists, gate details, and all materials used. After the initial plans are approved, homeowners must work with TN 811 as detailed below to locate any underground utility lines located in the proposed construction area. Once these utility lines have been marked and verified, the HOA board will give final approval to begin construction. Additionally:

- Homeowners and/or contractors must ensure all underground utility lines are clearly marked by dialing 811 and scheduling this service with the city. Once photo confirmation of this service is provided to the HOA board, final approval to begin construction will be given. Construction must begin while utility markers are still visible. If markers are no longer visible, this step must be repeated for final approval. Any damage caused to a utility line during fence construction will be the sole financial responsibility of the homeowner to repair. Contact information below.
- The fence cannot have pre-fabricated sections.
- The fence must be 6ft tall.
- The fence must be constructed in a 'shadow-box' style with dog-ear edges at the top. Example below.
- Fences must be treated/stained in the color pre-determined by the HOA board.
- If fence construction requires additional retaining support, this must be approved by the HOA board and detailed in the initial fence plans.
- If the homeowner wishes to include a gate, this must also be included in the initial fence plans.
   All gates must be no wider than a standard opening and must be in functional working order at all times (hinged and latched).
- Fence lines between homes must be placed directly on the property line and must extend all the way to the back fence line as pre-determined by the HOA board. Back to back, or double fences are not permitted. Neighbors are encouraged to work together to construct fence sections between homes in an effort to share the initial cost. However, the HOA board will not get involved in disputes regarding fence construction or litigate approvals to join existing fence sections. If a homeowner decides to construct a fence, they must allow their neighbor to join that fence at a later date. The means by which this agreement is reached is left solely to individual homeowners to manage between themselves.
- If sprinkler heads are present within the proposed fenced in area, sprinkler heads must be
  capped by the irrigation company pre-determined by the HOA board. Homeowners must pay for
  this service out of pocket and schedule this service before fence construction begins. Any
  damage caused to the irrigation system or water lines during fence construction will be the sole
  financial responsibility of the homeowner to repair. Contact information below.
- All fences must be of quality construction and must be maintained regularly and/or replaced as necessary. If any visible section of fencing needs to be repaired and/or replaced, and there is clear/sole ownership by one homeowner, the HOA board will alert the homeowner that repairs and/or replacement be made within a reasonable amount of time. If sections of non-visible fencing between homes need to be repaired and/or replaced, and there is joint ownership between two homeowners, neighbors must work together to share this cost. The HOA board will not get involved in fence maintenance issues that exist in fence sections between homes that are not visible.

## Tennessee 811 - Utility Locator

(800) 351 - 1111 or Dial 811

http://call811.com/

## **B&E Irrigation/Landscaping (Ask for Lance)**

(615) 834 - 5356

219 Whitsett Road

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## **Example of Shadow Box Style Privacy Fence w/ Dog-Ear Edges:**

