

MORGAN RANCH ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

POLICY for PLANT PROTECTIVE CONSTRAINTS

January 7, 2005

PURPOSE: To establish requirements and limitations to plant protection constraints. This policy is intended as a guideline only.

LIMITED PURPOSE: It is recognized that the Committee has an existing fencing policy. This Plant Protective Constraint Policy is not intended to modify or supplement that policy. The intent is to provide guidelines for homeowners to allow for the protection of their property from deer and other ruminants.

APPROVAL: Homeowners shall require submission of an application and approval from the Committee for the installation of any protective devices that are not herein excluded from such process.

EXCLUSIONS: It is recognized that as of this date, many homeowners have installed various protective devices to prevent deer and other ruminants from eating or otherwise destroying planted material on their property. In general, the Committee has found that there are a number of acceptable measures which have been used and should be exempt from approval. These include:

- 1.** Wire mesh, with squares not exceeding six inches and preferably colored green or brown. This is attached to the inside of an existing split rail fence and, preferably not exceeding the height of the fence.
- 2.** Multiple strand wire fences (electrified or not) with a maximum of two strands with a maximum height of four feet and spacing of no less than eight feet between posts. Fence posts to blend as much as possible with existing surroundings. If such stranded fences are attached to an existing split rail fence, the height of the wires shall not exceed the height of the split rail fence by more than three feet.
- 3.** Wire mesh cylinders or cones may be installed to protect individual plants. To prevent sight clutter they should be limited to no more than ten in any fifty square foot area.
- 4.** Fiber mesh may be used to cover individual plants provided that the material blends with the environment and no one individual covering shall be larger than sixteen square feet.

PROHIBITIONS: In no event shall any homeowner use chain link material, solid board material, barbed wire or any materials with vivid colors to establish protective constraints.