



Examples of Approved Living and Picket Fences in The Villages of St. Johns Woods

Picket Fences

Definition: A Picket fence is generally 36-48” in height. (An approved picket fence in The Villages will not exceed 48”). The horizontal top rail and bottom rail are attached to fence posts on the applicant’s side (inside of the fence), which are installed upright into the ground. Evenly spaced boards are affixed vertically to the supporting top and bottom rails. The posts are on the inside-facing side of the fence.

Guidelines for Request: The homeowner is provided with design options for consideration. For picket fences, the finished side of the fence is on the exterior facing side, not facing the homeowner’s property (see photos below). Unless approved, the picket fence is no taller than 4’ in height and made of wood only. Vertical pickets may be spaced a minimum of 2” apart or greater and can be 1”-6” in width in a consistent pattern. The proposed top edge of the fence should be identified as scallop, spear, straight edge, dog-ear, etc. (see chart below). If painting, please indicate your choice of Sherwin Williams Charleston Historic color or stain if any, and an accompanied diagram or property lot plan indicating placement.

You are required to comply with the Covenants and New Home Construction Guidelines for all application requirements. All requests are subject to review and approval. An application can be found on the IMC Charleston website.



NOTE: *This reference document is not a substitute for full submission to the ARB for review and approval of proposed fence, together with homeowner photo and diagram showing placement, as well as materials and paint color, if any. It serves only to offer a guide to the applicant of fences that have attained prior approval for their homes in the community.*

Naming Conventions:



Living Fences

Living Fences are constructed with a combination of wire and wood. As with the picket fences, posts and supporting wood frame face toward the homeowner (finished side on the outside). Approval requires mature landscaping at time of installation. Living fences require a wooden gate as shown below if gated. If painting, please indicate your choice of Sherwin Williams Charleston Historic color or color of stain, if any and an accompanied diagram or property lot plan indicating placement.

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