Reems Creek Home Owners Association Architectural Review Committee Fence Guidelines

A guiding principle in the development of the Reems Creek Golf Community has been that fences are inconsistent with the character of our neighborhood and are explicitly discouraged. However, fences have been approved in a very limited number of cases and may continue to be approved at the sole discretion of the Architectural Review Committee guided by the following criteria:

- A. Fences must not be visible from any street or from neighbors' properties. For homes on corner lots, the fence must not be visible from either street. The use of landscaping to hide fences is encouraged.
- B. The fenced-in area must be behind the house, i.e., not facing the street, and should not exceed the width of the house. In general, the larger the fenced-in area the less likely the fence is to be approved. Fences should not extend all the way to the rear property line.
- C. For lots adjacent to the golf course, fences near the lot line bordering the golf course are especially discouraged.
- D. Fences may not exceed 4 feet in height except where required by law, e.g., to secure a swimming pool.
- E. Fence materials must be of high quality. In general, the less obtrusive the material, the more likely it is to be approved. We will consider the following fence materials if appropriate for the setting and intended use:
 - black cast iron or aluminum fencing
 - split rail fences including split rails with a woven wire mesh
 - wood or synthetic picket fences

The following materials will **not** be considered:

- chain link fences
- solid materials such as wood, stucco, concrete, or rock
- F. Fences may not cross any creeks or streams on the property.
- G. Fences must be maintained and kept in good condition and appearance.

Owners using fences to enclose a dog run must recognize that dogs left alone outside cannot be allowed to create a barking nuisance. Fences likely to be approved will not prevent wildlife, e.g., bears, deer, coyotes, and rabbits from entering yards or gardens.

Plans must be submitted to the ARC and approved before installing any fence. The plans will specify the purpose of the fence as well as its location, size, material, color, placement of gates, and details regarding any landscaping needed to comply with item A, above.

Please recognize that no two lots in our community are alike and what is approved for one home may not be approved for another. All decisions of the ARC are intended to maintain the character, appearance, and property values of our community.