

FALLS CREEK RANCH

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

FENCES AND DOG RUNS SUMMARY

FCR residents are expected to be prudent in maintaining the natural state of the Ranch environment as much as possible as stated in our Covenants. Fencing can negatively impact the aesthetics of the Ranch and can be harmful to wildlife.

Following is a brief summary of FCR/ACC rules and guidelines relating to fences and dog runs on owner lots:

1. Verify that your planned activities are clearly on your circle lot. Fencing of an entire lot is not allowed.
2. Fencing is allowed to shield propane tanks from view of neighbors and roads without ACC approval. Residents are encouraged to contact their propane supplier for relevant information.
3. Limited fencing of specific shrubs and plants for support or protection from wildlife is allowed without ACC approval.
4. Invisible fences for dogs are encouraged and must be installed within the resident's lot. These do not require ACC approval.
5. Any other fencing plan **does** require prior ACC review and approval.
6. Any structure for a dog run enclosure **does** require prior ACC review and approval (e.g., concrete slab, posts, dog fence, roof, etc).
7. Review the recommended Humane Society of the United States Guidelines (Attachment A) to provide a proper enclosure area for your pet(s) based on their size and number.
8. If any excavation is required, all utility lines must be located and clearly marked. Contact an FCR Utility Committee member for guidance.
9. Be aware that local wildlife has an appetite for both plants and pets. Contact the Beautification Committee for more specific information about plants.

Please carefully read the FCR Covenants and ACC Rules and Regulations (located on the FCR website) to determine if your project requires prior ACC approvals. If any questions, you are encouraged to contact the ACC at any time.

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Dog Run Guidelines

Below are general guidelines recommended by **The Humane Society of the United States** relating to safely keeping your dog outside without harming them or other wildlife.

- Consider installing a large chain-link dog run. If you install a dog run, make sure it meets these minimum space requirements. Be sure to allow extra space for a doghouse.

Number of Dogs	Under 50 lbs.	Over 50 lbs.
1	6x10 (60 sq. feet)	8x10 (80 sq. feet)
2	8x10 (80 sq. feet)	8x12 (96 sq. feet)
3	8x12 (96 sq. feet)	10x14 (140 sq. feet)
4	10x12 (120 sq. feet)	12x16 (192 sq. feet)

- If you have a fence and your dog can jump over it, install a 45-degree inward extension to the top of your existing fence. Many home improvement stores sell these extensions.
- If your dog digs under the fence to escape your yard, bury chicken wire to a depth of one foot below where the fence meets the ground (be sure to bend in the sharp edges). Or place large rocks at the base of the fence.
- In addition to safe confinement, dogs need adequate shelter from the elements. Dogs kept outside may be unintentionally exposed to bitter cold temperatures in the winter and scorching heat in the summer. To protect your dog from harsh weather, provide a well-constructed doghouse. However, keep in mind that some breeds with very long or short coats cannot tolerate extreme outside temperatures even when provided with proper shelter. Also remember that if you have more than one dog, you need to provide a doghouse for each one.

The Falls Creek Ranch Architectural Control Committee supports these recommendations.