



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

- Subject:** Fence Restrictions for Wildlife Mitigation
- Issue:** A number of subdivisions and projects in sensitive wildlife areas have restrictions on the type and height of fences to mitigate impacts on wildlife movement. Generally, these restrictions limit the type of fence to barbless wire with height limits on the lowest and highest strands. The restrictions do not refer to other types of open fences that may be allowed.
- Reference:** The typical language for these restrictions reads as follows:
- No solid fence shall be placed on any lot except around single family dwellings, cultivated areas and animal enclosures. Perimeter fencing shall be limited to a 3 or 4 strand barbed wire with the lowest strand being minimum 16" above the ground and restricted to barbless wire. Fence shall not exceed 48" height.*
- Policy/Procedure:** Based on a telephone conversation with Jeff Finn of the Department of Fish and Game on August 29, 2000, the Department of Fish and Game has no objections to the use of open board or split rail fences in these areas provided they comply with the minimum and maximum height standards to allow small and large mammals to travel through the fences. Open board or split rail fences shall be permitted on those properties restricted to barbless wire by a subdivision restriction or condition of development subject to the lowest and highest boards or rails complying with the minimum and maximum height limits.
- Effective Date:** August 29, 2000

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tony Lashbrook, Director