

GROUND COVER FOR YOUR GARDENS?

—Also about fences—

(Association Guidelines)



NOT UNUSUAL — You want a difference for your “*castles*” grounds, and gardens. You’d like some embellishment.

Here are some items which may be helpful — .

The Architectural, and Modification Review Committee (**ARMC**) made a study of the covenants, and other references to try to define things, and practices that are allowed *with approval*.

ALLOWED — with approval — is the only way to put it because no preset formula was concluded.

However, the list is considerable starting with those your Village accepts customarily. Other change options are added — with approval — including: the usual pine straw, cypress mulch, river rock, lava rock and some dense ground cover plantings. (Mulches other than cypress etc. might be accepted with the caveat that some invite termites more than pine straw or cypress). Dense ground coverage like Asiatic Jasmine, Monkey Grass, and similar, are likely acceptable materials — *submittal is required*.

In the four Villages with full maintenance the issue is stickier for gardens, and trees mulch is purchased, and applied by bulk agreement with a contractor. Still that can be modified with the approval of the Village Representative who, by request, might simply exclude a particular property without fee adjustment.

This seemingly punishing way of handling flows simply from the idea that bulk purchases will be impossible to manage when it becomes more “ala-carte”. Village Representatives who are Volunteers do not wish to make management more difficult, and time consuming.

The full service Villages are: St. Andrews, St. Andrews East, Pinehurst and Cypress Gardens.

FOOTHOTE:

For ARMC Committee request for approval is submitted to the Chairman, the Management Company, or any of the Committee members. Requests should be as specific as possible.

FREQUENTLY Owners wish to have fences . Here is the statement from the District Covenants guiding fences.

7.33 Walls, Fences and Playground Equipment. No walls, fences or playground equipment shall be erected without the approval of the Architectural Review/Modification Committee. Chain link or wire fences are not allowed. Unless approved by the Architectural Review/Modification Committee, fences along property lines adjoining golf courses and lakes are limited to fences which are not more than four (4') feet high and which have uniform and sufficient open area.