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## RESOLUTION PROPOSAL

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**DATE:** July 22, 2010

**SUBJECT:** PM 13.03 Fencing and Animal Control Barriers and Associated Guidelines

**SPONSOR:** Mike Harrison, Treasurer

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The first reading of changes to incorporate animal control barriers for deer and other wildlife was conducted on April 22 following research on methods of fencing for deer management. Comments were received from several citizens, the ECC, Safety and Security, and finally, the Wildlife Management Committee. There was consensus that an ECC review and approval would be necessary for any permanent animal control barrier to avoid unsightly construction practices. In Board discussions this concern was also expressed.

The Board also raised issues about the Animal Control Barrier Guide which establishes recommended technical practices and whether or not the Board needed to approve the Guide as well. The Guide has been modified to refer to application and approval requirements contained in PM 13.04 Application Process. Since the policy change refers to this Guide, approval of the policy should approve this initial Guide. This then raises the question of subsequent changes to the Guide. The Guide should be managed and controlled by the ECC with input from the Wildlife Management Committee as research and materials change that can be used for effective animal control barriers. The Board need not approve subsequent changes in the Animal Control Barrier Guide.

This policy change brings animal control barriers up to a technical approach that is supported by the USDA's Wildlife Services organization and provides members with the opportunity to protect a portion of their lot for gardening and landscaping. The examples used in the guide have been tested by the USDA and has been installed and tested locally at Lake Monticello and is an effective barrier against deer damage to vegetation.

One previous board member raised concern that the guide provides websites for specific products. Language has been added to include special ordering from local sources and a disclaimer that LMOA does not endorse one vendor over another.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** The changes to policy, the guide and procedures for application have been reviewed and are acceptable.

**PROPOSED FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The current ECC application fee for construction of fences is \$60.

**PROPOSED SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

N/A

**STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE:**

3.6 Develop and implement an effective wildlife management plan, d. Improve LMOA rules on deer fencing.

**POSSIBLE MOTION:**

Move that the Board of Directors approve changes to PM 13.03 Section VII. Fencing and Animal Control Barriers and accept the Animal Control Barrier Guide as presented in the July 22, 2010 Board Packet.

**PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR FOLLOW-UP:** General Manager