



**Village Council
Agenda for the Work Session of June 23, 2026
Assembly Hall
395 Magnolia Road
Pinehurst, North Carolina
4:30 PM**

1. Call to Order
2. General Business
 - A. Discussion Regarding Village's Communication Strategies and Outlets
 - B. Discussion of the Village's Fence Regulations and Protection of Foilage
 - C. Review FY27 Capital Projects
3. Motion to Adjourn

Vision: The Village of Pinehurst is a charming, vibrant community which reflects our rich history and traditions.

Mission: Promote, enhance, and sustain the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors.

Values: Service, Initiative, Teamwork, and Improvement.



**Discussion Regarding Village's Communication Strategies and Outlets
ADDITIONAL AGENDA DETAILS:**

FROM: Doug Willardson, Village Manager
CC: Village Council;
DATE OF MEMO: 06/12/2026

MEMO DETAILS

ATTACHMENTS

None



**Discussion of the Village's Fence Regulations and Protection of Foilage
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See attached memo.

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1. Deer Fence Agenda Item

Staff has noticed an increasing number of deer protection barriers throughout the Village that may not comply with the current PDO.

When the fencing regulations were updated, our understanding was that the ordinance would allow decorative or fabricated fencing up to four feet in height (subject to applicable standards) and that temporary netting placed directly over plants or shrubs would not be considered a fence. As a result, we anticipated that most residents seeking to protect landscaping from deer would utilize these approaches.

In practice, many residents continue to use stake-and-wire systems, chicken wire, mesh enclosures, and similar materials. While these methods can be effective, they vary considerably in appearance and may not be consistent with the character the Village is trying to maintain.

To date, staff has taken a largely educational approach and has not actively pursued enforcement because we wanted to first obtain Council's direction.

Policy Question

The fundamental question is whether the Village wishes to:

Option A – Continue with the Current Ordinance

- Allow decorative fencing and plant netting as currently interpreted.
- Educate property owners regarding non-compliant fencing.
- Begin enforcement of the ordinance after a reasonable transition period.

Option B – Amend the Ordinance

- Recognize that deer protection is a legitimate concern for many residents.
- Expand the ordinance to allow certain types of deer protection fencing subject to appearance and maintenance standards.
- Continue to prohibit fencing materials that are inconsistent with the Village's character.

Attached are examples of deer protection methods currently being used in Pinehurst and elsewhere.

Option 1 – Fabricated Fence Panels

Current Status: Allowed



Staff Thoughts: This is the cleanest and most aesthetically consistent option. However, it may not be particularly effective at deterring deer.

Option 2 – Heavy-Gauge Wire with Coated Stakes

Current Status: Not Allowed



Staff Thoughts: This type of fencing is already common throughout Pinehurst. If Council wishes to accommodate deer protection fencing, this may be a reasonable option provided standards are established for color, materials, height, and maintenance.

Option 3 – Screened or Mesh Deer Enclosures

Current Status: Unclear / Possibly Permitted as an Accessory Structure



Staff Thoughts: More effective than decorative fencing and generally more attractive than chicken wire. However, it can create an enclosed appearance and become visually prominent if overused.

Option 4 – Chicken Wire

Current Status: Not Allowed



Staff Thoughts: Effective and inexpensive, but often becomes bent, sagged, and visually cluttered. If Council wishes to allow deer fencing, staff would not recommend allowing traditional chicken wire.

Option 5 – Netting Around Individual Plants or Trees

Current Status: Allowed



Staff Thoughts: Generally appropriate for protecting individual plants and shrubs, although Council may wish to provide additional direction if these installations become more extensive.

Staff Recommendation

Staff can support either approach. However, if Council wishes to accommodate deer protection fencing, staff recommends creating a clearly defined exception within the PDO that allows certain materials and installation methods while prohibiting others.

For example, Council could allow fabricated fence panels, coated heavy-gauge wire, and similar materials while continuing to prohibit traditional chicken wire and poorly maintained fencing.

If Council would prefer not to expand the ordinance, staff can begin an education and compliance effort followed by enforcement of the existing regulations.



**Review FY27 Capital Projects
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