



**Village Council
Agenda for the Work Session of July 14, 2026
Assembly Hall
395 Magnolia Road
Pinehurst, North Carolina
4:30 PM**

1. Call to Order
2. General Business
 - A. Engineering Standards and Specifications Manual Update
 - B. Foilage Protection Fence Draft PDO Update
 - C. Beautification Grants Awarded by the Beautification Committee
 - D. Council Update on Meetings with NCDOT Regarding the Traffic Circle
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.



Engineering Standards and Specifications Manual Update ADDITIONAL AGENDA DETAILS:

FROM: Alex Cameron, Planning & Inspections Director
CC: Village Council;
DATE OF MEMO: 07/06/2026

MEMO DETAILS

Staff will provide a status update on the Engineering Standards and Specifications Manual (ESSM) revision project, including a preview of the proposed document structure and format. The presentation will also highlight key updates and seek to obtain preliminary Council feedback prior to releasing the draft document for formal review and beginning the procedure for consideration of adoption.

ATTACHMENTS

None



Foilage Protection Fence Draft PDO Update ADDITIONAL AGENDA DETAILS:

FROM: Doug Willardson, Village Manager
CC: Village Council;
DATE OF MEMO: 07/08/2026

MEMO DETAILS

Background

At its last meeting, the Village Council discussed the increasing use of wire, mesh, stakes, and similar barriers to protect landscaping from deer. The current Pinehurst Development Ordinance allows decorative fencing and netting placed directly over individual plants, but it does not clearly accommodate many of the stake-and-wire enclosures residents are currently using.

Council discussed whether the Village should enforce the existing regulations or amend the PDO to permit limited deer-protection devices subject to reasonable appearance and maintenance standards.

Proposed Option

Based on that discussion, staff has prepared a draft ordinance establishing a separate category of “plant protection devices.” These devices would not be treated as fences and would not require a development permit, provided they comply with the proposed standards.

The draft would:

- Allow devices around individual plants, trees, planting beds, or small groups of related plantings.
- Require devices to be located within 24 inches of the protected plant material.
- Prohibit their use to define property lines, yards, patios, or other portions of a lot.
- Limit their height to four feet in a required front yard and six feet in a side or rear yard.
- Require black, dark green, or dark brown wire, mesh, and supporting stakes.
- Require wire or mesh to be at least 16 gauge.
- Prohibit orange construction fencing, snow fencing, brightly colored plastic mesh, untreated galvanized livestock panels, untreated wood stakes, and similar highly visible materials.
- Require devices to be maintained and removed when they are no longer needed.

The proposal is intended to provide residents with a practical way to protect landscaping while preventing the proliferation of makeshift fencing that becomes bent, rusted, sagging, or visually prominent. The 16-gauge requirement would allow more substantial coated wire systems while effectively excluding traditional lightweight chicken wire.

Council Direction

This draft is presented as one possible approach based on Council’s previous discussion. Staff would like Council’s feedback on whether the proposed exception strikes the appropriate balance and whether any standards—particularly the permitted height, 24-inch separation, materials, or color

requirements—should be adjusted before the ordinance is brought back for formal consideration.

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1. PDO 10.8 Plant Protection Devices

Section 10.8 Plant Protection Devices

A. Purpose. Plant protection devices are intended solely to protect living plant material from damage caused by wildlife or similar natural conditions. They are not intended to function as boundary, privacy, security, or screening fences.

B. Exception. Plant protection devices complying with this Section shall not be considered fences for purposes of this Chapter and no development permit is required. All other fences or walls shall comply with the standards elsewhere in this Chapter.

C. Standards.

1. Plant protection devices shall only enclose individual plants, shrubs, trees, planting beds, or small groups of related plantings.
2. Plant protection devices shall not be used to enclose or define property lines, yards, patios, outdoor living areas, or other portions of a lot.
3. Plant protection devices shall be installed within twenty-four (24) inches from the outer edge of the protected plant material.
4. Plant protection devices shall not exceed four (4) feet in height within any required front yard or six (6) feet in height within any side or rear yard.
5. Plant protection devices shall be maintained in good condition and shall not contain broken, rusted, sagging, or deteriorated materials.
6. Plant protection devices shall be removed when no longer necessary to protect the plant material.

D. Materials.

1. Plant protection devices shall be constructed of black, dark green, or dark brown materials designed to blend with the surrounding landscape.
2. Supporting stakes shall be wood, metal or fiberglass and painted or coated black, dark green, or dark brown.
3. Wire or mesh shall be a minimum of sixteen (16) gauge factory finished or coated black, dark green, or dark brown.
4. Orange construction fencing, snow fencing, brightly colored plastic mesh, untreated galvanized livestock panels, untreated wood stakes, and similar highly visible materials are prohibited.



Beautification Grants Awarded by the Beautification Committee ADDITIONAL AGENDA DETAILS:

FROM: Doug Willardson, Village Manager
CC: Village Council;
DATE OF MEMO: 07/08/2026

MEMO DETAILS

Attached is a presentation providing an update on beautification projects that have been approved by the Beautification Committee over the past 12 months. The presentation includes projects at various stages of completion, ranging from those that have been completed to those currently under construction or in the planning phase.

The presentation also highlights several potential beautification projects that may be considered by the Committee in the future. The purpose of this item is to keep the Council informed of the Committee's ongoing work and the continued investment in enhancing the appearance and character of the Village.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Beautification Projects 7.14.26 - Council Ready

Beautification Committee Awarded Grant Projects

Small investments. Visible results.
**Interest in the grant program grew this year—and the
project pipeline continues to build.**

Pinehurst Elementary



Courtney's Shoes



Market Street Awnings



100 Magnolia



Agora Building HVAC Screening



Rendition of white shadow box fence once installed:



Agora Building Alleyway



Adams Law Office

Before Picture:



Intended After Picture:



Market Street Alleyway



New applications

Coldwell Banker



Alley Window Replacement



Potential Applications

(in discussion with property owner)

Alley near Drum & Quill



Walkway between Outpost & Department Store





Council Update on Meetings with NCDOT Regarding the Traffic Circle ADDITIONAL AGENDA DETAILS:

FROM: Doug Willardson, Village Manager
CC: Village Council;
DATE OF MEMO: 07/08/2026

MEMO DETAILS

Since the last Council meeting, Council liaison members and the Village Manager met with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to discuss ongoing traffic and operational issues associated with the Traffic Circle. The meetings focused on potential short-term improvements and their long-term design.

Council members Taylor and Hooper will provide a summary of the discussions and answer any questions. No Council action is requested at this time.

ATTACHMENTS

None