



We are opening up a 28-day comment period for the bare dirt policy in section 6.2.2 in the Architecture Policies and Procedures Manual. Please review the proposed changes and submit any comments to [info@svla.com](mailto:info@svla.com) no later than July 25, 2024.

This policy change will establish standards and clarify the bare dirt policy for planters and flower beds, which are not currently addressed in the Architectural Policies and Procedures.

## **Architectural Policies and Procedures Manual Proposed Changes for the Bare Dirt Policy**

(changes are highlighted in yellow)

**6.2.2** Sand or dirt shall not be used as landscaping except as described in Section 6.2.1

### **Revised Version:**

**6.2.2** Sand or dirt shall not be used as landscaping except as described in section 6.2.1 (Equestrian Estates) or in planter or flower beds. Planters and flower beds containing bare dirt may be approved by the AC if they include living plants and/or flowers spaced so that there us no more than 12” of bare dirt between plants. Planters and flower beds must be maintained weed-free; dead foliage must be removed and replaced within one month between March 1<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>. A planter or flower bed is considered a bordered decorative feature within a landscape plan and may not be used as the entire plan.