

17.20.050 FENCES

1. RESIDENTIAL ZONES.

a. Front Yards.

- 1) Fences, walls and hedges must be placed on private property and not extend into or over the street right of way.
- 2) Fences, walls, and hedges that are within 10 feet of a front lot line shall be no more than 48 inches tall and that portion above 24 inches shall be 50% open. A hedge shall not be planted within three feet of the front lot line.
- 3) On a corner lot, a wall or fence of up to 6 feet in height may be placed within 10 feet of the property line on the front lot line that does not have a driveway entering a street, provided the wall or fence is not located within the sight distance triangle adjacent to a street intersection or driveway entrance to a street. On a corner lot, a hedge of up to 6 feet in height may be placed within 10 feet, but no less than 3 feet, of the property line on the front lot line that does not have a driveway entering a street, provided the hedge is not located within the sight distance triangle adjacent to a street intersection or driveway entrance to a street.
- 4) Fences, walls or hedges in a front yard more than 10 feet from the property line may be up to 6 feet in height.
- 5) Notwithstanding the above, a masonry wall up to 7 feet in height may be placed on or within 10 feet of the property line abutting a street when the wall is approved as a part of a site plan approval or a subdivision approval.

b. Side and Rear Yards.

- 1) Fences and walls located within a side or rear yard area may be up to 7 feet in height. Hedges on side and rear yards shall have no height restriction.
- 2) For lots with double frontage, the yard opposite the front of the house shall be considered a rear yard for the purposes of Section 17.20.050.

2. COMMERCIAL AND DOWNTOWN ZONES.

a. ~~No fences shall be allowed in the front yard.~~ Fences in the front yard must be placed on private property and not extend into or over the street right of way. Fences in the front yard shall

- 1) be no more than 42 inches tall;
- 2) be made of wrought iron or tubular steel or aluminum;
- 3) have vertical members no more than 1 ½ inches in diameter or width;
- 4) have vertical members no less than 4 inches apart; and

~~a.5)~~ be painted black.

- b. Fencing of outdoor service areas shall meet the standards of Section 17.20.200.3.b.4.
- c. Open fences up to 10 feet in height and solid fences up to 7 feet in height shall be allowed for screening of open storage areas.
- d. Except as provided in Section 17.20.090.13, fences located in rear and side yards shall be no more than 7 feet in height.

3. INDUSTRIAL ZONES.

- a. Fences shall be set back from the front lot line in order to accommodate the buffering requirements of 17.20.090.12.
- b. Fences shall not be taller than 7 feet in height. In addition, 18 inches over the maximum standard shall be allowed to string barbed wire along the top of the fence for security purposes.

4. USE OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. Fences shall not be constructed of or contain any material which will do bodily harm such as barbed wire (except as necessary for security fences in commercial and industrial districts), electric wires (other than stock fences), broken glass, spikes, and any other hazardous or dangerous material.