

CHAPTER 1436

Fences, Walls and Hedges

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CROSS REFERENCES

Protection of fences from animals - see S.U. & P.S. [1022.04](#)

Trees and shrubs - see S.U. & P.S. Ch. [1024](#)

Walls in transition areas - see P. & Z. [1278.05](#)

Fences in transition areas - see P. & Z. [1278.05](#)

Fences for swimming pools - see P. & Z. [1278.13\(b\)](#)

Wall signs - see B. & H. [1458.08\(f\)](#), [1458.12\(e\)\(3\)](#)

Maintenance of fences - see B. & H. [1488.21](#)

1436.01 HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS.

Fences, walls and hedges are permitted in any yard, or along the edge of any yard, provided that no fence, wall or hedge in a front yard area shall exceed three feet in height and be 2 feet from the property line. Four feet tall fence is permitted if it is chain link (without privacy slats), rod iron or vinyl. Four feet tall fences shall have minimum 3" vertical space openings and cyclone chain link shall have

standard opening with the tips bend over. Fences may be a maximum 6 feet high from the front corner of the house to the rear yard. Corner lots are considered having two front yards per 1278.08. Trees, shrubs and hedges that are maintained may be higher than six feet as long as they meet the sections of this code.

(Ord. 1991-69. Passed 12-2-91.)

1436.02 MAINTENANCE.

Fences, walls and hedges shall be well maintained and shall not be hazardous or disturbing to existing or future neighboring uses. Shrubs and hedges shall not overhang or block the sidewalk. Trees shall be maintained to allow eight feet of clearance from the sidewalk to the lowest branch.

(Ord. 1991-69. Passed 12-2-91.)

1436.03 SECURING OF FENCES.

All fences shall be securely attached to the ground and shall be designed to withstand a wind pressure of not less than forty p.s.f.

(Ord. 1991-69. Passed 12-2-91.)

1436.04 TEMPORARY FENCES; SNOW FENCES.

Temporary fences, including snow fences, shall be prohibited except by special permit issued by the Director of Public Safety.

(Ord. 1991-69. Passed 12-2-91.)

1436.05 VISIBILITY AT INTERSECTIONS.

On a corner lot, no fence, wall or structure or shrubbery more than two feet in height above the plane of the established grades of the streets shall be erected or installed on any part of a front or side yard herein established that is included within the right of way of intersecting streets and a straight line connecting the street line at points which are twenty-five feet distance from the point of intersection, measured along the street lines, and no planting or foliage shall be placed or maintained within the area that, in the judgment of the City Engineer, will materially obstruct the view of a driver of a vehicle approaching the street intersections.

(Ord. 1991-69. Passed 12-2-91.)

1436.06 ELECTRIC FENCES.

No person shall erect or maintain any fence charged with electrical current.

(Ord. 1991-69. Passed 12-2-91.)

1436.07 BARBED WIRE FENCES.

No person shall erect or maintain a barbed wire fence which abuts or is adjacent to any public street or sidewalk. Barbed wire is not permitted in a residentially zoned district nor the Central Business District. Barbed wire is not permitted below 6 ft. in height. Barbed wire shall be slanted inward toward the interior of the property. No more than three strands of barbed wire shall be utilized on a fence.

Barbed wire in the C-1, C-2 and I-1 zoning district that abuts a residentially zoned district is not permitted and the prohibition is not appealable.

1436.08 DIRECTION OF FACE SIDE OF FENCES.

Where fences by design have a face side and a back side, the face side must face the neighbor. When in doubt, the posts must face the property owner.

(Ord. 1991-69. Passed 12-2-91.)

1436.09 FENCE PERMIT REQUIRED.

No person shall construct or erect a fence without first obtaining a permit therefor.

(Ord. 1991-69. Passed 12-2-91.)

1436.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any of the provisions of this chapter is guilty of a minor misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each offense. A separate offense shall be deemed committed by each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.