1	ORDINANCE NO. 23-05
2	AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY'S LAND DEVELOPMENT
3	CODE SECTION 50-102 ACCESSORY STRUCTURES TO ALLOW THE INSTALLATION OF FENCES AND
4	WALLS IN FRONT YARDS WITHIN CERTAIN DEFINED OVERLAY AREAS AND CREATING RESTRICTIONS
5	FOR SUCH FENCES AND WALLS: PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE
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8	WHEREAS, the City of Belle Isle Land Development Code currently restricts
9	fences in front yards; and
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11	WHEREAS, the City wishes to allow fences in front yards, set height
12	restrictions for such fences, and create rules for the installation of such fences
13	that will enhance the safety of drivers, pedestrians, and property owners; and
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15	WHEREAS, the City further wishes to add additional fence requirements specific to
16	the Hoffner Avenue overlay district and the Daetwyler Drive overlay district due
17	to those districts' unique nature; and
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19	WHEREAS, the City finds that this Ordinance advances the interests of public
20	health, safety, and welfare.
21	NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE,
22	FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:
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1 Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a part of this Ordinance 3 as legislative findings. Section 2. City Code Amendment. Section 50-102 in Chapter 50, Article IV of the 4 5 City Code of Ordinances is hereby amended, all as follows (words that are stricken out are deletions; words that are underlined are additions; stars \* \* \* \* \* 6 7 indicate breaks between sections, subsections, or paragraphs and do not indicate 8 changes to the City Code; provisions not included are not being amended): Sec. 50-102. - Accessory structures. 9 \* \* \* \* \* 10 (b) Fences and walls. 11 12 (5) Maximum height and permitted locations of fences, walls, and privacy 13 14 screens. 15 Except as provided in subsection (b)(5)b of this section, fences, and walls shall be limited to a maximum height of six feet above natural grade in the rear 16 17 and side yards. No fences or walls shall be permitted in front yards. The maximum 18 height for any front yard fence or wall shall be four feet. 19 If a driveway gate is installed, then the gate must be setback 25 feet away from the edge of the road. For purposes of calculating the distance, road means 2.0 the improved or paved portion but does not include the entirety of the right-of-21 22 way.

Commented [A1]: Staff recommends adjusting the verbiage to:
A driveway gate shall be setback [...] from the edge of the public street or private roadway."

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A maximum fence height of eight feet shall be permitted in the following

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situations:

- 1. The property line along which the fence will be installed abuts a boat ramp facility, public park, or commercially zoned property.
- 2. The property owner constructing the fence has obtained the written consent of all owners of property that either share a property line and property corner along which the fence or wall will be installed and of any owner of the property with a property line within 50 feet of the fence or wall to be installed.
- c. Residential property owners shall not construct an additional fence or wall that abuts any subdivision or commercial screening wall and can be viewed from the abutting public right-of-way, street, sidewalk, or abutting other public access

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- (7) Construction of fences or walls near Lake Conway. No fence or wall located within 35 feet of the 86.9 normal high water contour line of Lake Conway shall exceed four feet in height.
- (8) Location along lot lines. A structural fence or wall shall be erected so that the entire fence and all supporting structures are entirely on the owner's property. Fence posts and all other supporting structures, as well as the rough side of the fence, if any, shall face the owner's property, except when said fence separates a residential lot from a business or industrial lot. No inspection or any permit issued by the city shall be any evidence or guarantee that the fence has been so correctly located on the subject property.

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23 (14) Existing fences. Any fence or wall which is erected and in violation of this chapter at the time of its passage shall be exempt from the requirements of this

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(15) Nonconforming fences. All fences, walls, or privacy screens in violation of
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     this chapter at the time of its passage shall be governed by the following
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     conditions: Any fence, wall, or privacy screen that is in violation of the section
     and is determined to be a traffic or safety hazard shall be made to conform to
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     this chapter three months from such determination. No portion of a nonconforming
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     fence, wall, or privacy screen shall be enlarged, extended, or structurally
     altered except to make it conform to this chapter.
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            Overlay Districts.
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            Hoffner Avenue
                                                                                                                    Commented [A3]: Staff recommends omitting
                                                                                                                    language as fence code already allows a side
                                                                                                                    yard fence to be 6 ft in height.
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            All properties within Belle Isle City Limits adjoining Hoffner Avenue may
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     install a front or side yard fence or wall with a maximum height of six feet.
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                                                                                                                    at least 20 feet from the property line.
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            If a driveway gate is installed, the gate shall be at least 20 feet outside
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                                                                                                                   definition of a sight triangle would be useful
and more user-friendly to readers. Or change
"sight triangle" to "sight distance."
2. Some residential driveways have two points
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     the right-of-way line.
                                   A sight triangle of at least 15 feet from the driveway to
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be measured from the outer edges of a driveway
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     the right-of-way shall be provided.
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3. Should the proposed sight triangle provided
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            Lake Conway Estates Sub-overlay
                                                                                                                   by the homeowner include existing landscaping and hardscaping features to ensure no
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             For all properties that are part of Lake Conway Estates adjoining Hoffner
                                                                                                                    obstruction in visibility per sec. 50-102 (b)
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     Avenue's right-of-way, a masonry wall up to eight feet high may be constructed in
                                                                                                                   maintain clear sight triangles for driveway approaches over time?
5. If the sight triangle possesses hardscape
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     the vicinity of the Hoffner Avenue right-of-way line, provided that wall conforms
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     to the Belle Isle approved wall materials and design requirements. The property
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     owner must pay for such wall, but ownership and maintenance shall be transferred
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Lake Conway Estates Sub-overlay section based on input from legal counsel. The proposed language for sec. (17) (a) (3) may be a matter determined between the HOA and the homeowner.

chapter, excluding those requirements of 50-102(b)(11), unless such fence or wall

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is deemed a traffic or safety hazard.

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to Lake Conway Estates Homeowner's Association along with a 15-foot maintenance 1 easement at the completion of construction. 3 In order to preserve as many trees as possible and avoid interfering with 4 existing utility lines, the alignment of the masonry wall may be allowed to encroach into the Hoffner Avenue right-of-way by a maximum of ten feet in wall 5 easements granted to Lake Conway Estates Residents' Association by the City of 6 7 Belle Isle's Ordinances 98-4 and 99-1. Such encroachment is available but 8 discouraged and is subject to prior approval by the City to determine if 9 reasonably necessary to achieve the above objectives. 10 If a property owner wishes to maintain ownership of the masonry wall on the 11 property owner's property, the entire wall must be located on such property and 12 must not stray into the Hoffner Avenue right-of-way. Under this condition, it is 13 not necessary for the wall to be built using the Belle Isle-approved wall 14 materials and design. If the wall is not built according to the Belle Isle-15 approved wall materials and design, then the maximum height of the wall is six 16 feet. 17 Daetwyler Drive b. 18 Due to continuing increases in traffic on Daetwyler Drive, property owners 19 may build an <mark>opaque</mark> fence or wall to a height of up to six feet in the front <mark>or</mark> 2.0 side yard that adjoins the Daetwyler Drive right-of-way. 21 If a gate is installed, there must be a gate recess of 20 feet behind the right-of-way. 22 Section 3. Codification. Section 2 of this Ordinance will be incorporated into 23

Commented [A7]: The city's fence requirements acknowledges:

1. Property owners must construct a fence or wall on or within their property lines under sec. 50-102 (b) (1).

2. Fences are allowed to be six feet in height, or eight feet in height with neighbors' consent under sec. 50-102 (b) (5).

3. Belle Isle approved wall materials are detailed under sec. 50-102 (b) (1).

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Commented [A9]: Should an "opaque" percentage be assigned? The code state a minimum or maximum opaque percentage requirement for nonresidential districts.

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the Belle Isle City Code. Any section, paragraph number, letter and/or any

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1	heading may be changed or modified as necessary to effectuate the foregoing.
2	Grammatical, typographical, and similar or like errors may be corrected, and
3	additions, alterations, and omissions not affecting the construction or meaning
4	of this Ordinance and the City Code may be freely made.
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6	Section 4. <u>Severability</u> . If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase,
7	word, or provision of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or
8	unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, whether for substantive,
9	procedural, or any other reason, such portion shall be deemed a separate,
10	distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the
11	validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.
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13	Section 5. Conflicts. In the event of a conflict or conflicts between this
14	Ordinance and any other Ordinance or provision of law, this Ordinance governs and
15	controls to the extent of any such conflict.
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17	Section 6. Effective Dates. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately
18	upon adoption by the City Commission of the City of Belle Isle, Florida (the
19	"Effective Date") and shall apply to all applications for permits received on or
20	after the Effective Date.
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22	First Reading held on
23	Second Reading held on
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1	ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Belle Isle,						sle,	
2	Florida, held in City Hall, Belle Isle, on this day of,							
3	2023.							
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5	YES	NO	ABSENT	7				
6	Ed Gold							
7	Anthony Carugno							
8	Karl Shuck							
9	Randy Holihan							
10	Beth Lowell							
11	Stanley Smith							
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14	ATTEST:		_	CITY OF	F BELL	E ISLE		
15	Yolanda Quiceno, CMC-City Clerk							
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17	Nicholas Fouraker, Mayor							
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19	Approved as to form and	legality						
20	For use and reliance by							
21	Giffin Chumley, City Attorney							
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23	STATE OF FLORIDA							
24	COUNTY OF ORANGE							
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1	I, Yolanda Quiceno, CITY CLERK of the City of Belle Isle, do hereby certify that					
2	the above and foregoing document ORDINANCE 23-05 was duly and legally passed by					
3	the Belle Isle City Council, in session assembled on the day of					
4	2023. At this session, a quorum of its members was present.					
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7	Yolanda Quiceno, CMC-City Clerk					
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