

**CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

**Meeting Date:** August 15, 2023

**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**From:** Chief Grimm, Interim City Manager

**Subject:** Changes to BIMC for Fences and Walls – Ordinance 23-05

**Background:** Commissioner Carugno, with approval from Council, requested a discussion take place on possible changes to the municipal code for fencing. The Planning and Zoning Commission previously discussed changes to the code and looked at a possible zoning overlay for fences and walls on Hoffner Avenue. At the April 4, 2023, meeting, the Council agreed to move this to the Planning & Zoning Commission for further review and recommendation.

At the July 2023 council meeting a resident requested a review on setting a height limitation on hedges. The code does not have a height limitation for hedges, and the code (under sec. 50-102 (b)) reads that “landscape treatments” are specifically excluded from the definition of a fence and privacy screen.

The Planning & Zoning will be discussing the request of adding edges at the August 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting to the draft ordinance or it may be addressed under a separate cover.

**Staff Recommendation:** The draft ordinance is for review and discussion at the next Council meeting on September 2, 2023.

**Suggested Motion:** None

**Alternatives:** None

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Attachments:** Draft Ordinance 23-05