



CITY COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Commission

DATE: April 22, 2025

SUBJECT: Discussion and possible action on the regulation of certain fence materials to prohibit windscreens. – **Commissioner Mallozzi**

RECOMMENDATION:

Commissioner Mallozzi requests a discussion and possible action on the regulation of certain fence materials to prohibit windscreens.

BACKGROUND OF ITEM:

The Code currently states:

Section 23-90. – Fences, walls, and hedges.

(c) Materials.

All fences and walls shall be constructed of materials appropriate to their purpose and location. Treated wood, concrete/masonry, chain link, or similar materials as approved by the building department are permitted. Provided, however, that barbed wire, oriented in toward the property on which the fence is located, shall be permitted in U-1 (utility) district, CS (community services) district, and on any other municipality-owned property, regardless of the zoning district designation, such fence to be shielded by hedge material or landscaping; and further providing that barbed wire shall not be installed on fences of less than eight feet in height nor on fences surrounding swimming pools. Applicants are encouraged to use recycled plastic or other attractive, non-deteriorating materials. All walls shall have, at minimum, a “drip edge” detail at the top of the wall to prevent water damage. Cloth, fabric, canvass, silt screens, mesh, or other such material shall not be attached to a fence or windscreen unless otherwise required by law; however, such materials may be used at government-owned facilities and recreational facilities in the City, subject to the approval of the chief building official. The chief building official or his designee shall make all final decisions as to the design and materials for fences or walls.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Sec. 23-90. Fences, walls, and hedges
2. Ordinance 22-3