



CITY COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Commission

DATE: December 12, 2023

SUBJECT: Discussion and possible action regarding chain link fence accompaniments, including but not limited to slats, to provide for a waiver in the event of a windstorm or other weather-related incidents. **Commissioner Mallozzi**

RECOMMENDATION:

Commissioner Mallozzi requests a discussion and possible regarding chain link fence accompaniments, including but not limited to slats, to provide for a waiver in the event of a windstorm or other weather-related incidents.

BACKGROUND OF ITEM:

The Code currently states:

- (a) *Applicability.* All fences, walls and hedges shall be regulated by the provisions contained in this section...

- (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 and/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 and/or other attractive, non-deteriorating materials. All walls shall have, at a 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.

- (1) Rear or side yard concrete masonry walls on double frontage residential lots shall be maintained by the property owner, as specified herein.
- a. The property owner shall maintain said wall in a clean condition, free from cracks greater than $\frac{1}{6}$ of an inch in width, graffiti, peeling paint and missing materials.
 - b. When repainting is needed, the wall shall be repainted with “Sherwin Williams Creamy White” (No. SW2445) and the trim shall be repainted with “Glidden The Hunt” (No. 03884), or a product identical in color, shade and hue.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Ex.1 – Section 23-90 – City’s Code of Ordinances.

Ex.2 – Section 2224 – Florida Building Code