



**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
REPORT OF FINDINGS**

Date: July 6, 2026

Case No.: PZC-05-26

Applicant: City of Rochelle

Address: 420 N. 6th Street, Rochelle, IL 61068

Narrative:

The City of Rochelle is proposing a text amendment to Chapter 110 (Zoning), Article V (Districts), Division 2 (Residential Districts), Section 110-545 (Residential, Security and Farm Fences) to allow the installation of safety netting barriers on residential properties that directly abut the golf course.

The proposed amendment recognizes that golf safety netting systems are unique structures designed for a specific protective purpose and differ substantially from conventional residential fencing. The amendment establishes a regulatory framework that allows such installations while maintaining appropriate design, safety and maintenance standards. The text amendment would:

- * Allow safety netting barriers only on residential properties directly contiguous to a golf course.
- * Limit installation to the rear property line shared with the golf course.
- * Require a permit from the City Building Official prior to installation or modification.
- * Establish a maximum allowable height of twenty (20) feet.
- * Require durable, weather-resistant materials and non-reflective, dark-colored netting designed to minimize visual impacts.
- * Require installation in accordance with manufacturer specifications.
- * Require ongoing maintenance by the property owner.
- * Provide enforcement authority should the structure become damaged, hazardous, unsightly, or fail to serve its intended purpose.

Staff recommends:

Staff is presenting the proposed text amendment.

Findings:

1. Is the proposed amendment consistent with the comprehensive plan?

Yes: _____ No: _____

Explanation: _____

2. Will the proposed amendment adversely affect public health, safety or general welfare?

Yes: _____ No: _____

Explanation: _____

3. Is the proposed amendment necessary because of changed or changing social values, new planning concepts, or other social, technological, or economic conditions in the areas affected?

Yes: _____ No: _____

Explanation: _____