ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM MEMO
REGULAR MEETING

SUBJECT: Ordinance Addressing Residential Fences Along Golf Course Property

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Summary: 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:

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

On Monday, July 6, 2026, the Planning and Zoning Commission voted 6-0 to approve the proposed text amendment addressing residential fencing along golf course properties.

Funding Sources:

Source:	Budgeted Amount:	Proposed Expenditure:

Strategic Plan Goal Application: Incorporate dynamic planning and evaluation in City-wide planning

Recommendation: Approve an ordinance addressing residential fencing along golf course properties.