
Sec. 107-32. Vision clearance.

- (a) **On a corner lot**, any tree and any vegetation with a height greater than 36 inches above top of curb may not be placed, planted, or maintained within 15 feet of the intersection of the street surfaces of the two streets bordering the lot.
- (b) A tree existing prior to January 1, 2017, is exempt from the requirements of subsection (a) of this section; provided, however, that the foliage of an exempted tree shall be maintained at a height no lower than 96 inches above the top of curb.
- (c) New plantings, including trees, shall not impede vision of approaching traffic through the intersection.
- (d) **On a corner lot**, no structure, fence, retaining wall, or berm with a height greater than 36 inches above the top of the curb may be constructed, placed, planted, maintained or allowed to grow within 15 feet of the intersection of the right-of-way lines of the two streets bordering the lot.

(Code 1987, ch. 11, subch. G, art. IV, § 4; Code 1995, § 14.02.124; Ord. No. 2018-02-21(B) , § 3, 2-21-2018)

Sec. 107-33. Retaining walls.

- (a) No retaining wall, or portion of a retaining wall with a height greater than 36 inches above the street curb level may be constructed within 15 feet of a front lot line, or side lot line adjacent to the street of **a corner lot**.
- (b) If a retaining wall is constructed at a distance greater than 15 feet from a front lot line, or a side lot line adjacent to the street of a **corner lot**, the maximum allowable height of the retaining wall above the street curb level may be increased by 12 inches for each additional five feet of distance between the retaining wall and the applicable lot line.
- (c) The height of a retaining wall is defined as the vertical distance measured from a reference datum, which may vary with the elevation of the curb at the street, to the top of the retaining wall at the point where the measurement is taken. The reference datum shall be the point where a line, which is level with the top and perpendicular to the face of the curb at the street, intersects the vertical face of the retaining wall.

(Ord. No. 2018-02-21(B) , § 4, 2-21-2018)

Sec. 107-34. Fences.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no front-yard fence may be erected or maintained.
- (b) A front-yard fence complying with the criteria provided in this subsection (b) of this section is allowed on property in a residential zoning district. The following criteria shall apply to such a fence:
 - (1) The height shall not exceed three feet measured perpendicular from the adjacent finish grade;
 - (2) Piers or posts may exceed the maximum height and fencing adjacent to the pier or post by four inches;
 - (3) On sloped lots, to accommodate variations in elevation of the ground beneath a fence segment between two piers or posts, a fence may exceed the maximum height by up to six inches, provided that the average height of such fence segment does not exceed the maximum height;
 - (4) The fence shall be constructed of such materials or in a manner to allow for an average of 80 percent visibility through the fence;

-
- (5) All fence components shall be a minimum of 15 feet from the curb, or edge of the street pavement where there is no curb;
 - (6) The fence shall have columns, posts, or supports that are metal, brick, rock, stone, or wood;
 - (7) If only one side of the fence is stained wood or other finished material, the finished side shall face away from the interior of the property; if support components are provided on only one side of the fence, such support components shall be on the side facing the interior of the property;
 - (8) If a fence crosses a driveway or means of vehicular access to the property, the fence and any gate shall be located so that entering vehicles will be completely off the street when stopped for the gate to open, and such gate shall open parallel to or away from the street;
 - (9) No chain link, barbed wire, or electrified fences shall be installed or maintained;
 - (10) No fence, including decorative or ornamental fence tops, shall be designed to include or be constructed of barbed wire, broken glass or any exposed sharp or pointed materials that may penetrate or impale persons or animals.
- (c) On a corner lot, a fence may be erected and maintained in a side yard and rear yard adjacent to a street, but may be located no closer than 15 feet from:
 - (1) The edge of the street curb closest to the property, if the street has a curb; or
 - (2) The edge of the street pavement, if there is no curb.
 - (d) If a fence along the side or rear of a lot or property is erected to the property line, adequate access to utility lines and meters shall be provided.
 - (e) In no event may a fence be erected or maintained in or upon a city right-of-way or public right-of-way, except when installed by the city or its agents for municipal purposes.
 - (f) All fences shall be maintained in good condition.

(Code 1995, § 14.02.125; Ord. No. 2012-10-17(A), § 2, 10-17-2012; Ord. No. 2018-03-18, 3-21-2018)