

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.