

CITY OF TWO RIVERS

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance to amend Chapter 10-1-15 of the Municipal Code of the City of Two Rivers, to modify the height of fences.

The Council of the City of Two Rivers, Wisconsin, ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Subsection 10-1-15 of the Municipal Code of the City of Two Rivers, Wisconsin, is hereby amended as follows:

Screening and vision clearance.

(1) Statement of purpose. This subsection is established to recognize the public and private benefits accrued from functional and aesthetic screening between areas of incompatible land uses, the increasing demand for active and passive recreational areas, the desirability of providing visual screening of certain parking lots, business and manufacturing areas, and the necessity of providing adequate vehicular vision clearance.

(2) Off-street parking. See section 10-1-13.

(3) Screening or fencing erected, placed, maintained or grown shall comply with the following provisions:

(a) Screening in front yards shall not exceed a height greater than four feet above the curb level or its equivalent; provided, however, that, within ten feet from any driveway or alley crossing of a street lot line, any screening shall not exceed two feet in height unless it is at least 90 percent open for through vision.

(b) On a corner lot, screening in the street side yard may extend from the side street rear corner of the structure perpendicular to a distance four feet from the side street property line and continue along the side street to the rear property line. The height of any screening shall not exceed six feet; provided, however, that within ten feet from any driveway screening it shall not exceed two feet in height unless it is at least 90 percent open for through vision.

~~(c) Unless otherwise provided, a vision barrier fence that is within four feet of the lot line shall not exceed six feet in height.~~

(c) Unless otherwise provided, a vision-barrier fence located in the rear and side yards shall not exceed six feet in height.

(d) Snow fences may be used temporarily, but in no case shall snow fences be left standing longer than six months during any calendar year.

(e) It shall be unlawful for any person to construct or maintain any barbed wire or razor wire fence, except that any such fence above the height of six feet may be permitted for agricultural, industrial or commercial security reasons, with permission from the zoning administrator.

(f) It shall be unlawful for any person to construct or maintain any above-ground electrical fence.

(g) Fences constructed in a manner in which a supporting framework or posts can be construed to represent a back side shall be installed so that the front side/good side faces the adjacent or abutting property.

(h) Screening or fencing in the rear and side yards may extend to the property line, so long as it is located in a manner that allows the owner to maintain the screening or fencing from their side of the property line.

(i) Unless a larger setback is otherwise provided, the setback for any screening or fencing erected, placed, maintained, or grown in the front yard of any property shall be 36 inches from the lot line.

SECTION 2: Severability. If any provision of this ordinance is invalid or unconstitutional, or if the application of this ordinance to any person or circumstances is invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the other provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provision or application.

SECTION 3: Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

Adopted by the Council of the City of Two Rivers, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Scott Stechmesser
President, City Council

Kyle Kordell
City Manager

Attest:

Amanda Baryenbruch, City Clerk

Approved as to form and legality:

Sean P. Griffin
City Attorney