

§ 14.05.009. Fences.

(a) Required privacy fences.

(1) A privacy fence shall be required where the side or rear lot line of a nonresidential use is adjacent to either of the following.

(A) A residential district boundary other than the AO District.

(B) An existing residential use.

(C) School or day care facility.

(2) This requirement shall not apply when an equivalent fence already exists.

(3) Properties immediately across a body of water, transportation, drainage or utility right-of-way, street or alley shall be considered adjacent if the intervening body of water, transportation, drainage or utility right-of-way, street or alley, is less than 80 feet wide.

(b) Height standards for required privacy fences.

(1) All privacy fences shall meet the visual clearance requirements of section 14.05.010 below.

(2) Maximum fence height in residential districts.

(A) No portion of any fence or enclosure in any residential district, excluding an AO district, shall exceed a height of 8 feet.

(B) A substantially open fence with a ratio of solid portion to open portion equal to or less than 1 (solid) to 4 (open) may be constructed up to a height of 10 feet.

(3) Maximum height in required front yards.

(A) Any fence or enclosure extending into a required front yard shall not exceed a height of four feet.

(B) Fences on land located in the C3, M1 and M2 Districts shall be exempt from this requirement.

(C) In the AO District, a substantially open fence with a ratio of solid portion to open portion equal to or less than 1 (solid) to 4 (open) may be constructed up to a height of 6 feet.

(c) Approved Fence Material. Residential fences may be constructed of any of the following materials:

(1) Masonry (brick, stone, reinforced concrete) or any other sustainable material with more than 30-year life expectancy;

(2) Ornamental metal fencing;

(3) Cedar, whitewood, or similar industry standard type of wood;

(4) Composite fencing;

(5) Vinyl fencing;

(6) Wooden split-rail or painted pipe rail fencing may be installed on parcels of one acre or larger;

(7) Sheet, roll, or corrugated metal, only if constructed with metal posts, metal brackets, and metal caps. No galvanized metal; and

(8) Other wooden picket fences, only if constructed with metal posts, metal brackets, and metal caps. Wooden horizontal members must be at least 2" x 4" in size.

(d) Prohibited Fence Materials. Residential fences not associated with the permitted keeping of livestock are prohibited from being composed of the following materials:

(1) Cast off, secondhand, or other items not originally intended to be used for constructing or maintaining a fence, such as, but not limited to:

(A) Plywood or particleboard;

(B) Rope, string, or wire products; and

(C) Fiberglass panels;

(2) Barbed wire or concertina;

(3) Razor wire;

(4) Electrified components;

(5) Embedded glass shards;

(6) Damaged, deteriorated, or unsafe materials; or

(7) Chain-link fencing.