

§ 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) Chainlink fencing.

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§ 14.05.010. Visual clearance on corner lots.

Except for freestanding signs with appropriate visual clearance below the display area, any fence, structure, sign, tree or landscaping on a corner lot and situated within 30 feet of the intersection of the two street property lines shall not exceed a height of three feet, including topography, measured from the top of the street curb or, in the absence of a raised curb, 3 1/2 feet above elevation of the center of the pavement. For this purpose, the restricted area shall be considered as a triangle rather than an area bounded by an arc.

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