

Section 13

Fences, Hedges, or Walls.

As used in this ordinance, fence, hedge or wall shall include a fence, hedge, wall, column, pier, post, lattice-work, screen, or any similar structure or any combination of such structures.

Section 13-1 Erection of fences, hedges, or walls.

Fences, hedges and walls shall be:

1. Be a minimum of eighteen (18) inches from any public sidewalk or right-of-way.
2. Be a minimum of eighteen (18) inches from a property line, unless a written agreement with the abutting landowner is obtained.
3. Be constructed and maintained at a height and in an area where such structure will not obstruct a clear vision of intersecting roadways or otherwise constitute a traffic hazard.
4. Be thirty-six (36) inches or less in height, if such structure is solid or closed so as to prevent vision, and is located in a front yard. Open vision type structures, such as chain link fences, shall be forty-eight (48) inches in height or less when placed in a front yard.
5. Be eight (8) feet or less in height when located in a back yard or side yard (when a corner lot is involved).
6. Be constructed and maintained in good condition so as to serve the purpose for which such structure was originally constructed, so that it shall not be hazardous or dangerous to persons or animals, so that it shall not become unsightly to the neighborhood or otherwise constitute a nuisance.

Section 13-2 Barbed wire or electric fence.

Barbed wire or other sharp, pointed, or electrically charged fence is only permitted to contain livestock or to protect crops and other plantings and are only permitted if they do not endanger persons or animals.

Section 13-3 Use of material prohibited to build.

The use of boxes, sheet metal, old or decayed wood, broken masonry blocks or other like unsightly materials to build a fence, hedge or wall is prohibited.

Section 13-4 Exemptions.

Fencing around athletic facilities and public property shall be exempt from the requirements of this ordinance.