

18.17.050 - Fences and walls.

- A. Purpose. The purpose of this section is to provide minimum regulations for fences and masonry walls, with the desired objectives of privacy and security for residents, and safety for motorists and pedestrians using the streets and sidewalks.
- B. Permits. If a fence or wall is over six feet high then a building permit will be required, and the fencing/wall must meet required setbacks.
- C. Heights and Location.
  - 1. Fences/walls not more than six feet in height may be maintained along the side yard or rear lot lines fully within the property; provided, that such wall or fence does not extend into the front yard area. The height of the fence/wall shall be measured from the finished grade. Fence height includes any decorative elements such as lattice, or other similar materials.
  - 2. A fence/wall shall not exceed forty-two inches high in the front yard. The front yard area is the distance between the front property line and the nearest point of the building specified in the zone districts under this title.
- D. Access. No fence/wall shall be constructed so as to:
  - 1. Block or restrict vehicular access to a dedicated alley, access or way; or
  - 2. Create a traffic hazard by impairing or obstructing vision clearance from any driveway, alley, or access.
- E. Prohibited Materials. Fiberglass sheeting, barbed wire, razor ribbon or other similar temporary material shall not be permitted as a fencing or wall material, unless otherwise allowed in commercial and industrial zones.
- F. Temporary Fences. Vacant property and property under construction may be fenced with a maximum six-foot high fence.
- G. Agriculture/Ranching (A/R) Exception. Barbed wire and electric fences shall be permitted on land classified A/R. All electric fences in such instances shall be clearly identified. Maintenance, repair and replacement of existing fences shall be governed by state law.
- H. Security fencing may be permitted with the following limitations:
  - 1. The security fencing shall consist of not more than four strands of barbed wire located on the top of a six-foot high fence; and
  - 2. The security fencing shall be associated with a commercial or industrial development.

(Ord. 2515 § 1 (Exh. A (part)), 2008; Ord. 2443 § 3 (Exh. A (part)), 2006)

( [Ord. No. 2691, § I\(Exh. A\), 1-21-2014](#); [Ord. No. 17-013](#), § I(Exh. A), 10-2-2017)

**Editor's note**— [Ord. No. 17-013](#), § IV, adopted Oct. 2, 2017, amended the catchline of § 18.17.050 from "Fences" to read as herein set out.