

ARTICLE 15
LANDSCAPING, BUFFERING, WALLS, AND FENCES

15.01 WALLS AND FENCES

Walls and fences shall be allowed, subject to the following conditions:

A. All districts:

1. All fences shall be erected with fenceposts and supports on the interior side except to fence farm animals and livestock, in which case posts and supports may be on the exterior side, but within the property line.
2. Under no circumstances shall a fence be constructed of used or discarded materials including, but not limited, to barrels, pallets, tree trunks, trash, tires, junk, or other similar items.
3. Fences may be located on the property line but may not extend into any right-of-way or onto adjacent property.
4. Fence heights shall be measured from the surface of the ground immediately below the location of the fence. A fence shall not be erected upon a berm.
5. Fences for swimming pools shall be required according to this ordinance.
6. Fences located within 50 feet of the normal high water mark of a lake or stream shall not exceed 4 feet in height.
7. All fences shall be of such design and location that they do not obstruct the vision of motorists on adjacent roads or the vision of pedestrians or motorists leaving the premises.
8. Retaining walls are exempt from these fence provisions.

B. Residential districts:

1. Fences not greater than 6 feet in height are allowed in side or rear yards and in front yard areas which are farther from the street than the required front set back line.

2. Fences not more than 4 feet in height are allowed in the required street front yard.
3. Fences in the R-2, R-3, or R-4 residential districts shall not contain barbed wire, razor wire, spikes, or electric current.

C. Commercial districts:

1. A chain-link, protective fence not greater than 6 feet in height is allowed in all yards.
2. Fences in C-1 districts shall not contain barbed wire, razor wire, or electric current.