

Sec. 36-554. - Fences, walls and screens.

Unless specifically authorized in this chapter, no fence, wall or screen located within the front yard in any zoning district shall exceed 42 inches in height, and no hedge or other vegetation shall be permitted which materially impedes vision across such required yard between the heights of 42 inches and eight feet.

- (1) No chainlink fence shall be erected in any front yard within a residential district, unless enclosing a retention pond that has been approved by the planning commission.
- (2) Unless specifically authorized elsewhere in this chapter, no fence, wall or screen located within the side yard or rear yard in any zone district shall exceed a height of six feet.
- (3) The height of a fence shall be measured using the following method:
 - a. The permitted height of all fences shall be measured from the ground elevation adjacent to the fence line, as determined by the zoning administrator.
 - b. The permitted height of fences shall not be measured from an area of the ground that has been built up or constructed in a manner that would have the effect of allowing a taller fence than permitted by this chapter (e.g., the height of fences erected on a berm shall be measured from the finished grade adjacent to the berm).
- (4) No fence, wall or screen shall be erected within any public right-of-way.
- (5) No fence, wall, screen or planting material shall be erected or maintained in such a way as to obstruct the vision of motorists exiting driveways.
- (6) The use of electric current or charge on any fence or part thereof is prohibited, except for low voltage fences in the RDR rural residential district intended to enclose permitted livestock.
- (7) Electronic fences buried beneath the ground are not regulated by this chapter.
- (8) All fences shall be of safe, durable construction and provided proper foundation and footings so as to minimize potential for damage, collapse, or injury. The fence shall also comply with any applicable building code requirements.

(Ord. No. 82, § 3.33, eff. 6-25-1991; Ord. No. 98, eff. 12-22-1995; Ord. No. 116, eff. 5-25-2002; Ord. No. 130, 9-13-2004)