

Section 230-6. - Fences and retaining walls.

- (a) This section regulates fences, walls, and fences and walls in combination.
- (b) *General conditions.*
 - (1) Fences and walls shall be maintained in good repair.
 - (2) Fences and walls may step down a slope, however supports shall be vertical and plumb.
 - (3) Posts shall be anchored in concrete.
 - (4) Posts shall face inward to the subject property.
 - (5) Razor wire shall be prohibited on all fences and walls. Barbed wire shall be prohibited in all zoning districts except for Airport.
 - (6) No chain link fence or similar elements shall be visible from any public plaza, ground-level or sidewalk-level dining area, or public right-of-way, unless located on property of an agricultural or industrial use.
 - (7) Electric fences shall be prohibited.
- (c) *Fences.*
 - (1) *Fences in the front or street yard.*
 - a. *Maximum height.* Fences in the front or street side yard shall not exceed four feet in height and shall not extend into the public right-of-way. See Section 230-7 for corner lot restrictions. Ornamental posts and vehicular gates may be up to six feet in height, provided the surrounding fence is no taller than four feet. Properties with agricultural and industrial uses are allowed front- or street-side fences up to six feet in height.
 - b. *Materials.* Fences in the front or street yard shall not be made of wire, woven metal, or chain link, unless located on property of an agricultural or industrial, use. All other fences shall be ornamental or decorative fences constructed of brick, stone, stucco, split rail, wood, aluminum, or wrought iron. The fence shall be a minimum of 50 percent transparent to reduce the appearance of an opaque structure along the sidewalk. Exposed block, tires, junk or other discarded material shall be prohibited fence materials.
 - (2) *Fences in interior side and rear yards.*
 - a. *Maximum Height.* Fences shall not exceed eight feet in height.
 - b. *Materials.* If a fence is constructed of chain link or other metal fencing, fence shall be vinyl, powder-coated, or galvanized.
- (d) *Retaining walls.*
 - (1) *Maximum Height.* Retaining walls in the front or street side yards are limited to four feet in height. A retaining wall located within 10 feet of a sidewalk along a public street shall not exceed two feet in height. Retaining walls shall be limited to eight feet in height in interior side and rear yards.
 - (2) *Materials.* Retaining walls visible from the public right-of-way shall be constructed of decorative concrete modular block or shall be faced with stone or brick or textured cement masonry.
- (e) *Fences and retaining walls combined.*
 - (1) Fences erected within five feet of the top of a retaining wall shall be regulated by this section.
 - (2) Fences and retaining walls combined that are erected within ten feet of a public sidewalk shall not exceed two feet in height for the wall and four feet in height for the fence.
 - (3) *Materials.* Fences in the front or street yard shall not be made of wire, woven metal, or chain link, unless located on property of an agricultural or industrial, use. All other fences shall be

ornamental or decorative fences constructed of brick, stone, stucco, split rail, wood, aluminum, or wrought iron. The fence shall be a minimum of 50 percent transparent to reduce the appearance of an opaque structure along the sidewalk. Exposed block, tires, junk or other discarded material shall be prohibited fence materials. Retaining walls shall be constructed of decorative concrete modular block or shall be faced with stone or brick or textured cement masonry.

(4) Fences and retaining walls combined in all other locations on a lot:

- a. *Maximum Height.* In a rear or side yard, a fence, retaining wall, or combined fence and retaining wall may not exceed eight feet in height. In a front or side corner yard, neither the fence nor retaining wall element may exceed four feet in height, and the combined height of a fence and retaining wall may not exceed eight feet.
 - b. *Materials.* Chain link and other metal fencing shall be vinyl, powder-coated, or galvanized. If fences and retaining walls in combination are located in the front yard, wire, woven metal, or chain link fences are prohibited, unless located on property of an agricultural or industrial use. If visible from the public right-of-way or another parcel, retaining walls shall be constructed of decorative concrete modular block or shall be faced with stone or brick or textured cement masonry. Any portion of a combined fence and wall that exceeds ten feet in length shall be transparent for a minimum of 50 percent of the length of the fence so as to reduce the appearance of an opaque structure.
- (f) *Method of measurement.* Heights of fences and retaining walls shall be measured from the grade plane.
- (g) *Exceptions.* Temporary chain link security fences up to 6 ft. in height may be erected to surround a property up to 30 days prior and 30 days following completion of demolition, rehabilitation, or new construction.

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