

4-0609. **GENERAL FENCING AND SCREENING REQUIREMENTS.**

Source: Ord. 2006-11, Sec. 1 (2007), Ord. 2012-41, Sec. 1 (2013)

1. **Definition of Fence.** An artificially constructed structure of any material or combination of material erected to enclose or screen areas of land.
2. **General Fencing and Screening Requirements for Residential Areas.** In any residential district, fences, hedges, and plantings may be permitted in the buildable area and in any required yard, or along the edge of any yard, provided that no fence or hedge along the sides or front edge of any required front yard shall be over three (3) feet in height, except on through lots or double frontage lots where one of the front yards is intended to serve as the rear yard and is consistent with the other lots on the block a fence or hedge may be up to eight (8) feet in height. All fencing and screening shall meet visibility requirements for intersections by not impeding vision between a height of two and one-half (2½) feet and ten (10) feet within thirty (30) feet from the intersecting curb lines, or within twenty (20) feet from the intersecting property lines if there is no curb. Coordinated fencing schemes for the block are strongly encouraged, and if possible developed during the subdivision process. No fence or hedge within any buildable area or along any side or rear lot line shall be over eight (8) feet in height and shall not extend past the front plane of the house.

No chain link fence is permitted past the front plane of a house.

Where there is an alley, the setback will be a minimum of ten (10) feet from the property line.

3. **Required Fencing and Screening.** Where any business, industrial users, or multiple-family buildings of four (4) or more units (i.e., structure, parking or storage) abuts property zoned for residential use, that business, industry, or multiple-family building shall provide screening along the boundary of the residential property. Screening shall also be provided where a business, industry, or multiple-family building of four (4) or more units is across the street from a residential zone, but not on that side of a business, industry, or multiple-family building considered to be the front yard. Provided, however, that the provisions of this section will not apply where a multiple-family building abuts a property also zoned for multiple-family use. All fencing and screening specifically required by this section shall meet visibility requirements for intersections and other requirements as stated herein, and shall consist of either a fence or green belt planting strip. A required screening fence shall be constructed of masonry, brick, wood or metal. Such fence shall provide a solid screening effect six (6) feet in height for multiple-family uses and at least six (6) feet in height for business and industrial uses. A green belt planting strip shall consist of evergreen trees and/or deciduous trees and plants and shall be of sufficient width and density to provide an effective visual screen. This planting strip shall be designed to provide substantial visual screening to a minimum height of six (6) feet. Earth mounding and berms may be used but shall not be used to achieve more than three (3) feet of

the required screen, unless otherwise provided for by the City (i.e., PUD requirements).

4. **Construction Standards.** No fence, hedge, or plantings shall be constructed or maintained with electrified barbed wire, or other spiked materials which may pose injurious to public health and safety. Posts and other supporting structures used in the construction of fences shall be faced inward toward the property being fenced.
5. **Private Recreational Fences.** Private recreational fences shall conform to the provisions attached to residential fences. Swimming pool fences shall be six (6) feet in height.
6. **Public Fences.** Fences used in connection with public facilities and public recreational uses shall have a maximum height of ten (10) feet in any yard and be of the open fence variety. Residential construction standards shall apply to all public fences.
7. **Non-Residential Fences.** Fences in light commercial areas shall conform to the provisions of residential fences. Fences in industrial or agricultural districts shall conform to the provisions attached to residential fences except where the Building Administrator determines it would be in the public welfare to add to fence height or to add security materials onto the fence. In such cases, fences shall not exceed ten (10) feet in height.
8. **Temporary Fences.** Temporary fences needed to enclose sites, such as construction sites, do not require fencing permits.
9. **Fencing Permit.** With the exception of temporary fences, a permit is required for all fencing. The cost of said permit shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25) or one percent (1%) of the total cost of the fencing project, whichever is greater. All fence projects are to be completed within 60 days of the issuance of the Fencing Permit.