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7.04.01.

**Fence heights in residential districts.** Maximum **heights** for **fences** constructed in residential districts shall be [in feet]:

	Opaque Materials	Transparent Materials Which Do Not Obstruct Light, Air and Visibility
Front yard	3	4
Side yard	6	6
Rear yard	6	6

Barbed wire and electrified **fences** are permitted in RR and VR rural residential districts. Below-ground electrified **fences** are permitted in all residential districts. Above-ground electrified **fences** are permitted in residential districts provided that such **fences** are located inside, are completely enclosed and do not come in contact with a perimeter **fence** erected according to the **height** standards above. Electrified **fences** in residential districts shall be of the type that are permitted under the electrical building code listing and shall also meet **fence height** standards for regular **fences**.

Where a **fence** is located at a common property line with varying elevation, including berms and sloping ground, the **height** shall be measured and averaged at regular intervals along the property line. The final **height** shall be determined by averaging the dimensions obtained from measured interval averages. The **fence height** includes **height** of berm and sloping grounds. The measured interval distances shall be eight feet.

7.04.02.

**Fence setbacks.** **Fences** shall be permitted to the street right-of-way or marine/ estuarine/riverine setback (MERS) line and common property lines. Construction shall be entirely upon the owner's property. No **fence** shall be permitted to obstruct visual clearance along a right-of-way (as determined by the division manager, development services). Also see section 7.01.08, "Visual Clearance Along Rights-of-Way and at Sight Triangle Intersections." No **fence** or hedge shall be constructed or installed in such a manner as to interfere with drainage on the site.

7.04.03.

**Permitted fence materials.** All **fence** construction shall be of suitable materials as follows: masonry (brick, stone or substantial wall material that contributes to the identification and beauty of principal use), chain link, chain link with slatting, wood, cast iron, aluminum, plastic (all as manufactured for **fencing**), precast concrete and hedges (if trimmed).

7.04.04.

**Fence heights in commercial and industrial districts.** There shall be no maximum **height** for **fences** in commercial districts except that barbed wire is permitted only on top of a solid or chain link **fence** at least six feet in **height**. Where a commercial district is adjacent to a residential district, a **fence** may be constructed to a maximum **height** of eight feet on the property line contiguous to the commercial district. The method of measurement shall be the same as for residential district **fences** (see subsection 7.04.01 of this section).

(Ord. No. 98-53, § 1, 12-3-1998; Ord. No. 99-2, § 1, 1-7-1999; Ord. No. 2007-25, § 2, 5-1-2007; Ord. No. 2007-60, § 4, 10-4-2007)