

Sec. 19-80. Fences, walls and other protective barriers.

All fences of any type or description shall conform to the following regulations:

(1) The erection, construction or alteration of any fence, wall or other type of protective barrier shall be approved by the zoning administrator as to their conforming to the requirements of the zoning districts wherein they are required because of land use development, and the requirements of this section.

(2) Fences which are not specifically required under the regulations for the individual zoning districts shall conform to the following requirements:

a. No fence shall hereafter be erected along the line dividing lots or parcels of land or located within any required side or rear yard in excess of six feet or less than three feet in height above the grade of the surrounding land.

b. No fence shall hereafter be located in front yard, that being the area between the building front facade and the abutting road right-of-way or easement, except as noted below.

All fences shall be of an ornamental nature with the finished side facing the nearest boundary of adjacent property, street or road. Barbed wire, spikes, nails or any other sharp point or instrument of any kind on top or on the sides of any fence, or electric current or charge in such fences is prohibited, except in an R-1-R district. Barbed wire cradles may be placed on top of fences enclosing public utility buildings and such fences may exceed six feet in height and be located in a front yard wherever deemed necessary in the interests of public safety, provided that shrubs or evergreens are planted which will eventually screen such barbed wire cradles.

Where security fencing is desired around property in M-1, M-2 and M-3 districts other than in the front yard, same shall [be] located on the inside of any required berm at a maximum height of eight feet.

(3) No fence, wall, or structure shall be erected, established or maintained on any corner lot which will obstruct the view of a driver of a vehicle approaching the intersection. Such unobstructed corner shall mean a triangular area formed by the street property lines and a line connecting them at points 25 feet from the intersection of the street lines or in the case of a rounded property corner from the intersection of the street property lines extended. This shall not prohibit the establishment of landscaping within such corner triangular areas described above, provided they are planted in accordance with the following requirements. Shrubs located in the triangular area shall not be permitted to grow to a height of more than 30 inches above the centerline elevation of abutting pavement. Portions of required berms located within sight distance triangular areas shall not exceed a height of 30 inches above the centerline elevation of abutting pavement. Trees may be maintained in this area provided that all branches are trimmed to maintain a clear vision for a vertical height of eight feet above the roadway surface except that not more than two trees with trunks of more than 30 inches in diameter each, and clear of any branches for such heights may be located within such area. Landscaping, except grass or ground cover, shall not be located closer than three feet from the edge of a driveway.

(Ord. No. 101, § 4.25, 3-23-71; Ord. No. A18, § 2, 8-20-80; Ord. No. 156-A71, § 2, 4-19-95; Ord. No. 156-A79, § 1, 9-16-98; Ord. No. 156-A108, § 1, 9-15-04)