

Sec. 5-55. - Standards.

The following standard shall apply to the construction and maintenance of fences:

- (1) All fences shall be maintained in a workmanlike condition having no breaks, jagged or sharp edges, holes or other defects. Fences shall be properly surface coated to protect against the elements and maintained straight and plumb.
- (2) Fences shall be free standing and shall not be attached to another fence or unstable means of support. Fences shall be erected on a series of fence posts spaced so as to provide proper support to the fencing material. In no case shall the distance between fence posts exceed ten feet. Fence posts shall be embedded below grade to a depth and manner which in the opinion of the building official, provide proper means of support for the type of fence constructed. Local soil and subsurface conditions, including but not limited to the existence of ledge, shall be taken into consideration by the building official when determining proper depth.
- (3) No fence shall be erected in the required front yard space, except for the following:
 - a. Residential properties designed as corner lots may erect a fence in the front yard space in the corner side yard, to a point ending at the street right-of-way line. Such fences may not exceed a height of three and one-half feet within 15 feet of a corner. Fences erected under this subsection must not impede traffic sight lines;
 - b. Residential properties not designated as a corner lot may erect a fence parallel to the front yard line in the front yard space. Such fencing shall not obstruct traffic sight lines.
- (4) Fence posts shall be installed on the applicant's interior side of the lot, with the finished portion of any fence facing outward.
- (5) Any fence lawfully erected prior to the enactment of this article shall be deemed lawfully non-conforming and allowed to remain until such time as it is damaged beyond reasonable repair, destroyed or removed.
- (6) No fence shall be electrically charged or contain barbed wire, unless otherwise permitted by the zoning ordinance.
- (7) Fences shall not eliminate or interfere with parking, or otherwise, interfere with traffic or become a hazard or nuisance in any manner.
- (8) Fences shall not exceed six feet in height;
- (9) Fences utilized as an animal enclosure, such as a kennel, shall be at least ten feet from all adjoining property lines

(Res. No. 97-07, § 1-5, 1-7-97; Ord. No. 2007-18, 10-16-07; Ord. No. 2018-11, 4-24-18)