

FENCES:

SECTION 13.73 Fences and Hedges.

(a) **Residential Fences.** Fences on or adjacent to residential property shall have a minimum setback of three (3) feet from side and rear property lines and five (5) feet from street lines and alley lines. Fences in side yards and rear yards shall not exceed a height of six (6) feet above ground level, and shall not exceed a height of four (4) feet above ground level in the front yard. The finished side or decorative side of a fence shall face the adjoining property. Fences on corner lots, or lots abutting any alley or railway, shall also comply with the requirements of § 13.44. The term “fence” includes hedges, shrubbery, or other vegetation, which serves as a barrier to ingress or egress.

(b) **Security Fences.** Security fences (fences greater than six feet in height) may be constructed on the property lines in all districts, except residential districts. Unless required by other provisions of this Chapter or Code of Ordinances, security fences shall not exceed a height of ten (10) feet above ground level and shall be of the open type, such as woven wire or wrought iron.

(c) **Prohibited Fences.** No fence shall be constructed which is dangerous or unsightly, or which conducts electricity, or is designed to electrically shock, or which uses barbed wire provided, however, that barbed wire may be used in industrially zoned areas if the devices securing the barbed wire to the fence are ten (10) feet above the ground in height and project toward the fenced property and away from any public area. No woven, twisted, welded, agricultural, or interlaced wire fence shall be located in a residential district.

(d) **Fences to be Maintained.** All fences shall be maintained and kept safe and in a state of good repair.

(e) **Temporary Fences.** Fences erected for the protection of plantings, to warn of construction hazard, to control snow drifts, or for similar purposes, shall be clearly visible or marked with colored streamers or other such warning devices at four foot intervals. Such fences shall comply with the setback requirements set forth in this Section. Said fences shall not be erected for more than one hundred twenty (120) days.

SECTION 14.68 (c)(2) Drainage (Stormwater) Easements

The planting of trees or shrubs, the construction of any landscaping, the construction or installation of any fences, building sheds, play equipment or any other obstruction within a drainage easement area is specifically prohibited. Further, modification of the approved grade within the easement area is specifically prohibited. It shall be the responsibility of the lot owner to keep the drainage area mowed to Village specifications.

Note: Replacement fences must apply for a permit and meet current ordinances.

Please refer to the Code of Ordinances for additional information.