

Fence, Hedge, and Wall Standards (FW)

5.17 FW-01: General Fence, Hedge, and Wall Standards

These Fence, Hedge, and Wall Standards (FW) apply to the following districts:



- A. General Requirements: Fences, hedges, and walls shall be permitted in all zoning districts without a permit subject to conformance with the following requirements:
 1. *Structural Face*: All fences and walls shall present the non-structural face outward.
 2. *Setbacks*: All fences, hedges, and walls may be permitted up to any property line as long as the property owner is able to maintain both sides of the fence. No fence, hedge, or wall may be placed in any right-of-way or required sight visibility triangle that is more than two feet six inches (2'6") tall.
 3. *Buffer Yards*: No fence or wall may be placed in any required buffer yard that does not specifically provide for the inclusion of fences.
 4. *Maintenance*: All fences, hedges, and walls shall generally be kept in good repair.
 5. *Gates*: All gates located within three (3) feet of a sidewalk or driveway shall only swing inward. At no time can any gate that opens outward encumber a sidewalk or other public way.
- B. Height Exceptions: Fences specifically required by this Ordinance for screening, enclosing swimming pools, or other purposes may exceed the maximum heights established by this Article in a manner consistent with the specific alternate requirements of this Ordinance.
- C. Height Measurement: The height of a fence shall be determined by measuring from grade level to the highest point of the fence, including any posts or finials.

5.18 FW-02: Residential Fence, Hedge, and Wall Standards

These Fence, Hedge, and Wall Standards (FW) apply to the following districts:



- A. Height Requirements:
 1. *Height*: Fences, hedges, and walls shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height in any side or rear yard or three (3) feet in height in any front yard. For the purposes of this requirement, the front yard shall be defined as all areas located between any adjacent streets and the walls of the primary structure that face them.
 2. *Corner Lots*: On corner lots, fences, hedges, and walls may be placed in rear yards and areas designated as front yards located along the side of the primary structure (i.e. the home) as long as it is outside the sight visibility triangle; and shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height.
- B. Prohibited Fences: All electrified, barbed wire, razor wire, and stockade fences are prohibited on all lots not used for agricultural purposes. In no instance shall this be interpreted as prohibiting the use of invisible fences.

5.19 FW-03: Parks and Recreation and Business Fence, Hedge, and Wall Standards

These Fence, Hedge, and Wall Standards (FW) apply to the following districts:



- A. Height Requirements: Fences, hedges, and walls shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height in any side or rear yard and shall not extend past the front facade of the primary structure.
- B. Prohibited Fences: All electrified, razor wire, and stockade fences are prohibited on all lots not used for agricultural purposes.

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5.20 FW-04: Institutional and Industrial Fence, Hedge, and Wall Standards

These Fence, Hedge, and Wall Standards (FW) apply to the following districts:



- A. Height Requirements: Fences, hedges, and walls shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height in any side or rear yard and shall not extend past the front facade of the primary structure.
- B. Prohibited Fences: All electrified, razor wire, and stockade fences are prohibited on all lots not used for agricultural purposes.
 1. *Penal and Correctional Facilities*: Penal and correctional facilities shall be exempt from this standard.
 2. *Barbed Wire*: All commercial and industrial uses shall be permitted to use barbed wire topped fencing for security purposes.