

Chapter 17.21

FENCES AND WALLS

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A. No fences, walls, or hedges over forty-two (42) inches in height shall be allowed within the front yard setback. Fences, walls, hedges, and landscaping on all corner lots shall be subject to the requirements for maintaining a clear view triangle as required by Chapter 17.20 AHMC. In residential zones, back and side fences shall not exceed six (6) feet in height and can be constructed along the property line provided all requirements of this chapter can be met. Within a PUD, perimeter fencing may be six (6) feet in height in the front yard, as long as the clear view triangle requirements of Chapter 17.20 AHMC are maintained. Entranceway gates, arches, covered entrances, and support structures may exceed six (6) in height when specific design is presented and approved by the planning commission. A minimum of five (5) feet of landscaping is required between the perimeter fence and road right-of-way within a PUD.

B. Front yard hedges, fences, and walls that are continuous in length shall have one (1) access opening a minimum of thirty-six (36) inches in width and shall remain unobstructed by any items other than a gate in order to form a clear passage to the street. Fences, walls, and hedges which existed prior to the adoption of the ordinance codified in this section that exceed the prescribed height or access opening requirements and pose a life safety hazard as to ingress and egress shall be required to provide such access points as defined in this chapter.

C. No electric or barbed wire may be maintained in any zone except within the areas which are continuing with agricultural use, when they do not border residential zones. Electric fences shall be for the confinement of animals and shall conform to the Washington State Rules and Regulations for electrical wiring RCW 19.28, as to voltage, amperage, and safety factors, and shall be energized only with Underwriters Laboratories approved equipment. Electric fences shall be marked with warning signs spaced every one hundred (100) feet along the fence.

D. Fences over six (6) feet in height, but not exceeding eight (8) feet, shall be allowed in mining or industrial zones. Only that portion over six (6) feet in height may be barbed or razor wire. All residential

uses that exist in zones other than residential shall be required to conform to the specifications set forth in this chapter for residential zones.

E. Swimming pools, both public and private, shall be surrounded by a six foot (6') high fence, with a gate having latching hardware operable only from the poolside of the fence.

F. Notwithstanding any provision of the Uniform Building Code, a permit must be obtained from the city before any fence is constructed. The fee for such permit shall be in accordance with fees specified in the Uniform Building Code fee schedule or as revised by the city.

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