

40-7.25 Fences, Hedges, Walls and Vision Clearances.

a. No fence shall be erected of barbed wire, topped with metal spikes, or constructed of any material or in any manner which may be dangerous to persons or animals, except that **fences** permitted for commercial and industrial uses may be topped by a barbed wire protective barrier. No fence shall be electrically charged.

b. Except as otherwise provided for in subsection 40-7.5, on any lot in any direction, no hedge or fence shall be erected or altered so that the hedge or fence shall be over four (4') feet in height in any front yard area. No fence shall exceed six (6') feet in height in any yard unless otherwise provided. However, in the business and industrial zones, non-solid **fences** may be erected to a height not to exceed six (6') feet for the protection of the business and industrial premises, provided the same shall not extend beyond the building line on any side facing the public street.

c. All **fences**, unless otherwise provided herein, shall be symmetrical in appearance, posts separated by identical distances and fencing conforming to a definite pattern and size of uniform design and separation. The same shall be kept in good repair, regularly painted, good appearance and clean condition. The finished side of all **fences** and walls shall be constructed to face toward the adjacent property.

d. Except as otherwise provided for in subsection 40-7.5, corner clearances shall be maintained within that area bounded by the curb lines of the intersecting streets and a diagonal joining the points on each curb line distance twenty (20') feet from the point of intersection, or in the case of a rounded corner, at a point of tangency. Within this area, no structure, wall, embankment, terrace, porch, piazza, fence, hedge, sign, vegetation or other obstruction other than shade trees trimmed to a distance of at least ten (10') feet above the curb line, shall be permitted above a height of two (2') feet above the horizontal plane through the curb line.

e. On park, recreation or school properties, open wire **fences** not exceeding eight (8') feet in height may be erected in the rear or side yard areas and behind the building setback line.

f. **Fences** specifically required or approved by the Municipal Agency or required by other provisions of this chapter or other municipal and State regulations.

g. No fence shall be constructed or maintained nor shall any hedge be grown on the street side of the property closer than four (4') feet from the public sidewalk bordering the premises. Such **fences** shall be of non-solid construction.

h. Tennis court **fences**, baseball and softball backstops and spectator protective fencing are exempt from the requirements of this section provided they are not located within any required yard area. Located outside of any required yard area, they are subject to the height limitations of the particular zone district.

i. **Fences** which are painted shall be painted in only one (1) color, harmonious with the surrounding area. Multi-colored **fences** are prohibited.

j. **Fences** shall be erected in a manner so as to permit the flow of natural drainage and shall not cause surface water to be blocked or dammed to create ponding.

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