

CITY OF ALBANY
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FENCE INFORMATION

SECTION 375-98. LOCATION OF FENCES AND WALLS.

Fences and walls shall be permitted in residential districts in accordance with the following provisions:

- A. In residential zoning districts fences not exceeding four (4) feet in height and not more than sixty percent (60%) solid may be located in any front yard or in any yard with street frontage. In such a yard, a fence more than four (4) feet in height and more than sixty percent (60%) solid shall be permitted only if it complies with the front yard requirement listed in the Schedule of Use, Area and Height Controls for the appropriate district, except if the existing principal dwelling is closer to the street than allowed by the Schedule of Use, Area and Height Controls, in which case the fence may be located no closer to the street than the existing dwelling.
- B. In any yard without street frontage, fences shall not exceed six (6) feet in height.
- C. In an M-1 General Industrial District only, where fences do not abut a residential district, fences may be employed to a height of eight (8) feet, employing the top eighteen (18) inches of barbed (not razor-barb) wire if desired.
- D. In all other nonresidential districts, fences and walls accessory to non-residential uses or on vacant lots shall not exceed six (6) feet in height.
- E. No minimum distance shall be required between a fence or wall and a lot line, unless otherwise specified in this chapter.
- F. Fences constructed for the purpose of enclosing a tennis court may exceed the six-foot maximum but may not be located closer than ten (10) feet from the property line.

SECTION 375-99. FENCE AND WALL MATERIALS.

- A. A fence designed to be structurally supported by posts, cross members, or rails on one (1) side only shall be erected with the posts, cross members, or rails on the fence owner's side, and the finished side of the fence shall face adjacent properties.
- B. No fence intended as a permanent structure shall be constructed of canvas, cloth, wire mesh, chicken wire, snow fencing, or any other similar material.
- C. No fence or wall shall include barbed wire, broken glass, electrification, or other material or device intended to cause injury.
- D. All fences and walls in any zoning district shall be maintained in structurally sound condition. Elements or finishes that become deteriorated shall be repaired or replaced promptly.

