

§ 153.196 FENCES AND HEDGES.

(A) *Electrically charged fences prohibited.* Electrically charged fences shall be forbidden in all districts except on sites of more than ten acres used to confine livestock.

(B) *Use of barbed wire.* Barbed wire may be used only to top standard security fences in commercial and industrial districts at a height of six feet or greater, the supports for such barbed wire shall be either vertical or lean inward above the property of the owner of the fence. Lands used for agricultural purposes, meeting the requirements of this code, shall be exempt from this provision.

(C) *Decorative fences required.* Only decorative fences shall be constructed in front setbacks or side setbacks abutting streets. Decorative fences shall mean split rail or ornamental iron or other decorative fences as approved by the Director.

(D) *Chain link prohibited.* Chain link fences shall not be permitted within front setbacks or side setbacks abutting streets in any district, except by variance granted by the Board of Zoning and Housing Appeals.

(E) *Guardrails prohibited.* Guardrails shall not be used as fencing.

(F) *Location in front setbacks.* Fences and hedges in front setbacks and/or side setbacks abutting streets and alleys in any district shall not exceed three feet in height and shall not obstruct the view of pedestrians or vehicular traffic or be detrimental to the public safety.

(G) *Fencing agricultural uses.* Lands used for agricultural purposes, meeting the requirements of this code, shall not place any fence used for the confinement of the use closer than 15 feet from any public right-of-way or private street.

(H) *Height restriction in rear and side yards.* Fences in rear setbacks and side setbacks not abutting streets and alleys shall not exceed six feet in height in residential districts or 12 feet in height commercial or industrial districts.

(I) *Permit required.* No fence shall hereafter be erected, constructed, altered, relocated or rebuilt until an application has been filed with and a permit issued by the Director.

(J) *Exemptions for temporary fences.* The following temporary fences shall be exempt from the provisions of this section:

- (1) Temporary construction fences when such fence is indicated on an