

Section 18-1507.9. FENCES, WALLS AND HEDGES.

(A) **GENERAL REGULATIONS.**

1. These regulations shall apply to all fences, walls and hedges, unless otherwise specified in Section 18-1509, Conditional Uses. (Ord. 1437 - 9.27.84)
2. Fences and walls enclosing any permitted or conditional use shall comply with the building permit procedures of the City of Pinellas Park. (Ord. 1437 - 9.27.84; Ord. 2439 - 09.11.97)
3. No fence, wall or hedge shall be permitted within any City, State or County right-of-way. (Ord. 1437 - 9.27.84; Ord. 2439 - 09.11.97)
4. **VISIBILITY TRIANGLE.**
 - (a) The purpose is to maintain sight lines and cross visibility for motorists. (Ord. 1437 - 9.27.84; Ord. 1773 - 2.25.88)
 - (b) The visibility triangle must be maintained free from obstructions such as: landscape materials; walls; solid fences; similar devices or motor vehicles. (Ord. 1437 - 9.27.84; Ord. 1773 - 2.25.88; Ord. 2439 - 09.11.97)
 - (c) Those properties abutting County roads, State Roads or U.S. Highways are subject to the visibility regulations of the appropriate regulating agency. (Ord. 1773 - 2.25.88; Ord. 2439 - 09.11.97)
5. **DANGEROUS MATERIALS.**
 - (a) Walls, fences or similar structures shall not contain any substance such as broken glass, spikes, nails, or similar materials designed to inflict pain or injury to any person or animal, except as provided in this Section. (Ord. 1437 - 9.27.84; Ord. 2439 - 09.11.97)
 - (b) Electric fences are only permitted in the "F" Farm and "RE" Residential Estates Districts. (See Section 18-1507.9(B)5 below). (Ord. 1437 - 9.27.84; Ord. 2439 - 09.11.97)
6. **UTILITY EASEMENTS.**
 - (a) Fences and hedges are not permitted in utility easements except by conditional approval from the Public Works Department that the fence or hedge will not affect existing or proposed utilities. (Ord. 1437 - 9.27.84; Ord. 2439 - 09.11.97)
 - (b) Any damage to City-owned utilities caused by the installation of a fence, wall or landscaping by a property owner or their agent shall be repaired by the City at the expense of the property owner. (Ord. 1437 - 9.27.84; Ord. 2439 - 09.11.97)
7. Fences facing public rights-of-way shall be placed with the smooth (finished) side facing the exterior of the lot. The side without the horizontal supports is considered the smooth (finished) side. (Ord. 1165 - 7.8.82; Ord. 1437 - 9.27.84; Ord. 2439 - 09.11.97)

8. All fences and walls will be well maintained and in good repair at all times. (Ord. 2439 - 09.11.97)
9. Chain link fences with any form of shielding inserts (plastic, wood, fiberglass or metal) shall not be considered as a solid fence or wall. Variance to allow such shielding inserts shall not be permitted under any circumstance. (Ord. 2439 - 09.11.97)
10. Fence or wall posts/columns may exceed the maximum height permitted for a fence or wall by no more than one (1) foot, provided that said posts/columns are separated by a minimum of seven (7) feet. (Exception: Fence sections abutting a gate or the structure. (Ord. 2439 - 09.11.97)

(Ord. 2491 - 7.9.98)

(B) RESIDENTIAL AND PUBLIC/SEMI-PUBLIC ZONING DISTRICTS.

1. Fences or walls may be erected, planted, or maintained along or adjacent to a lot line to a height not exceeding six (6) feet in the required side and rear yard setbacks. (Ord. 1320 - 10.11.83; Ord. 1359 - 3.8.84; Ord. 1437 - 9.27.84; Ord. 1773 - 2.25.88; Ord. 2439 - 09.11.97)
2. The maximum height of fences, walls or hedges shall not exceed four (4) feet in height within the required front yard setback. (Ord. 2439 - 09.11.97)
3. Farm "F" District - Fences, walls, and hedges may be up to six (6) feet in height in the required front yard setback. Fences and walls may be up to six (6) feet in height in other required yards. The visibility triangle must be maintained. (Ord. 1320 - 10.11.83; Ord. 1359 - 3.8.84; Ord. 1437 - 9.27.84; Ord. 1773 - 2.25.88; Ord. 2439 - 09.11.97)
4. For corner lots, a six (6) feet high fence or wall is permitted on the property line of the secondary front yard, provided the required front yard setback and the visibility triangle are maintained. (Ord. 1320 - 10.11.83; Ord. 1359 - 3.8.84; Ord. 1437 - 9.27.84; Ord. 1773 - 2.25.88; Ord. 2439 - 09.11.97)
5. Electrified fences or walls are only permitted in the "F" and "RE" Districts. When abutting a residential, mixed use or public/semipublic district other than "F" and "RE", such fences or walls shall only be permitted on electric insulators located inside a fence or wall, at least four (4) feet in height and being a minimum of twelve (12) inches below the top of the fence or wall. (Ord. 1437 - 9.27.84; Ord. 1773 - 2.25.88; Ord. 2439 - 09.11.97)

(C) COMMERCIAL AND MIXED USE ZONING DISTRICTS. (ORD. 2439 - 09.11.97)

1. Fences or walls may be erected, planted, or maintained along or adjacent to a lot line to a height not exceeding six (6) feet in the required side and rear yard setbacks, except as hereinafter provided. (Ord. 1196 - 9.9.82; Ord. 1437 - 9.27.84; Ord. 2439 - 09.11.97)
2. Only a four (4) feet high fence, wall or hedge shall be permitted within the front yard setback. No fences or walls shall be permitted in the front yard setback within the "MXD", "MXD-1", "MXD-2", and "TC" Districts. (Ord. 1196 - 9.9.82; Ord. 1437 - 9.27.84; Ord. 2439 - 09.11.97)
3. For corner lots, a six (6) feet high fence or wall is permitted on the property line of the secondary front yard, provided the required front yard setback and visibility triangle are maintained. (Ord. 1196 - 9.9.82; Ord. 1437 - 9.27.84; Ord. 2439 - 09.11.97)
4. Fences or walls in the "CH" District may be topped with barbed wire of not more than three (3) strands, provided the lower strand of wire is not less than six and one-half (6 ½) feet above grade. Further, such wire shall not overhang adjacent property or right-of-way. (Ord. 1196 - 9.9.82; Ord. 1437 - 9.27.84; Ord. 2439 - 09.11.97)

(D) INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICTS. (Ord. 2439 - 09.11.97)

1. Fences or walls shall be no higher than eight (8) feet and are permitted in all required yards provided the visibility triangle is maintained. (Ord. 1196 - 9.9.82; Ord. 1437 - 9.27.8; Ord. 2439 - 09.11.97)
2. Fences may be topped with barbed wire of not more than three (3) strands, provided the lower strand of wire is not less than six and one-half (6-1/2)feet above grade. Further, such wire shall not overhang adjacent property or right-of-way. (Ord. 1196 - 9.9.82; Ord. 1437 - 9.27.84; Ord. 2439 - 09.11.97)