

Section 16: Fences

16.1 General

In the interest of public safety, the installation of any permanent manmade or vegetative fencing or wall within twenty five feet (25') of a street right of way or pavement shall require the issuance of a Fence Permit and/or Building Permit as prescribed by the State Building Code and required by the Building Inspector. Any fence erected for the protection of public safety and associated with an approved construction project, demolition project or a temporary event (an event not lasting more than 30 consecutive days) shall not require the issuance of a Fence Permit. All applications for a Fence Permit shall be to the Building Inspector and shall include a plot plan drawn to scale showing the location of roadways and property lines. The Building Inspector shall enforce this section.

16.2 Setbacks

All fences shall be set back a minimum of five (5) feet from the street right of way and at least five (5) feet from the edge of pavement. All vegetative fencing located on the front property lines or within the site triangle as described in Section 16.3, shall be placed far enough back from the lines so as to maintain the required set backs at mature growth.

16.3 Site Triangles

The site triangle is that area at the intersection of street right of ways or pavement with other streets, driveways or walkways, formed by the side lines of street right of ways or pavement, driveways or walkways and a line joining points on such lines twenty five (25) feet distant from their point of intersection. In the case of a rounded corner, from the point of intersection of their tangents. No fence, wall or landscape plantings shall be located within such a site triangle so as to obstruct visibility between a height of three and one half (3-½) feet and a height of eight (8) feet above the plane through their curb grades.

16.4 Recreational and Athletic Facilities

Fences required as part of athletic facilities such as, but not limited to, softball diamond or tennis courts may be permitted at heights in conformance with the established recreation standards.

16.5 Finished Sides

The finished side of all fences shall be erected outward to abutting properties. Exceptions due to site layout and abutting properties may be allowed as approved by the Building Inspector.

16.6 Maintenance

All fences, walls and vegetated barriers shall be properly maintained. Any fence, wall or vegetated barrier in disrepair shall be promptly repaired or removed.