

8.8 Fences<sup>1</sup>

- a. Definitions.
  - (1) "Fence" means a vertical screen device used to provide privacy or containment.
  - (2) "Residential fence" means a fence permitted in residential districts.
  - (3) "Security fence" means a fence in all districts, except residential districts.
  - (4) "Decorative fence" means a fence used for ornamental rather than privacy or containment purposes.
  
- b. Permit Required. No fence, except decorative fences, shall be erected unless a permit has first been obtained by the owner from the Town Clerk. A permit is not required for painting, maintenance, or repair or replacement of fewer than sixteen (16) lineal feet of a fence.
  
- c. Permit Fee. A fee of \$75.00 shall be charged for each permit issued under the provisions of this section.
  
- d. Construction Generally. All fences shall be constructed of sound and suitable material, and shall be so constructed as to present a neat and slightly appearance. Acceptable materials for residential fence construction include wood, stone, brick, wrought iron, chain link and woven wire. No barbed wire, razor wire or single wire fences are permitted in residential districts. No above ground electrical or battery operated fences of any kind are permitted in residential districts.
  
- e. Height and Yard Regulations.
  - (1) Residential fences shall not exceed a height of six feet (6') and shall not be closer than two feet (2') to any public right-of-way. Residential fences shall be permitted in rear and side yards only. Decorative fences shall be permitted in all yards.
  - (2) Security fences shall not exceed ten feet (10') in height and shall not be located closer than two feet (2') to any public right-of-way, and shall be of an open type similar to woven wire or wrought iron fencing.
  - (3) Decorative fences shall not exceed three feet (3') in height and shall not be located closer than two feet (2') to any public right-of-way, and shall not be placed in any manner which presents a hazard to pedestrians or vehicular traffic on any public or private right-of-way, and shall be permitted in any yard.
  
- f. Maintenance. All fences shall be kept in good repair.