

**CHAPTER 1156**  
**Fence and Hedge Requirements**

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**1156.01 LOCATION AND HEIGHT.**

A wall, hedge, or fence not over eight (8) feet high may be erected in any front, side, or rear yard or court provided that the following conditions are met:

- (a) The height of any such wall, hedge, or fence shall not exceed the distance from that point to the nearest point of any building. However, a wall or fence may be erected to a height of four (4) feet where it is to be located less than four (4) feet from an adjacent building.
- (b) In any front yard, a wall or fence more than ten (10) percent solid shall not exceed a height of two and one-half (2.5) feet, except where a solid wall, hedge or fence is required by this code for screening purposes and except where visibility triangles are provided as required by subsection below.
- (c) In an R or C District or within fifty (50) feet of an R or C District along the same frontage, walls, hedges or fences within the front yard shall not exceed a height of four (4) feet.
- (d) Visibility at intersections:
  1. Street intersections. A visibility triangle with no wall, hedge or fence more than ten (10) percent solid above the height of 2.5 feet shall be provided at all street intersections including at least the area within the first twenty (20) feet along the intersecting right-of-way lines (projected if rounded) and a line connecting the ends of such twenty-foot lines.
  2. Intersections of alleys with streets. A visibility triangle with no wall, hedge or fence more than ten (10) percent solid above the height of 2.5 feet high shall be provided at all intersections of alleys with streets including at least the area within the first ten (10) feet along the intersecting right-of-way lines (projected if rounded) and a line connecting the ends of such ten-foot lines.
  3. Intersection of driveways with streets. A visibility triangle with no wall, hedge or fence more than ten (10) percent solid above the height of 2.5 feet high shall be provided by measuring ten (10) feet

in from the intersection of a driveway boundary and property lines away from the driveway with the ends of the two 10-foot lines connected in a straight line to form the visibility triangle.

4. At intersections of alleys with alleys. A visibility triangle with no wall, hedge or fence more than ten (10) percent solid above the

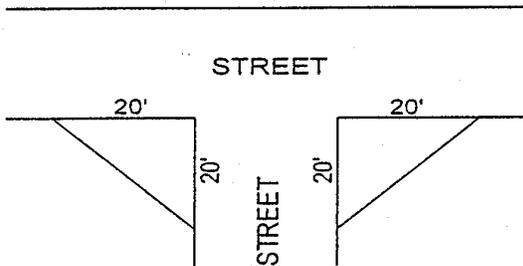


Illustration A

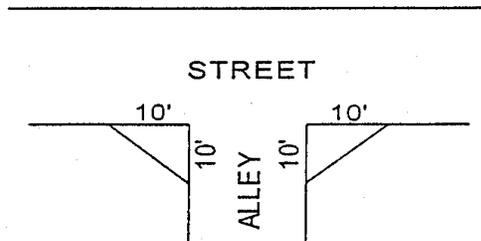


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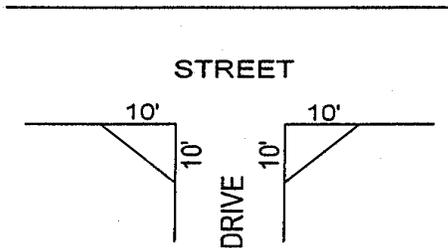


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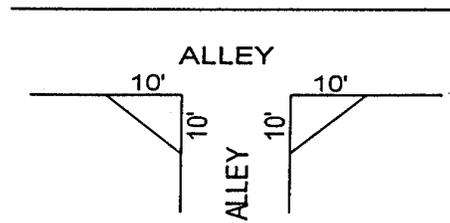


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height of 2.5 feet high shall be provided at all intersections of alleys with alleys including at least the area within the first ten (10) feet along the intersecting right-of-way lines (projected if rounded) and a line connecting the ends of such ten-foot lines.

#### 1156.02 ENCLOSURES.

Except as otherwise provided, fenced enclosures shall be provided for dog runs and for swimming pools with a depth of 36 inches or more and shall be subject to the following requirements:

- (a) Dog runs shall be enclosed by a fence of sufficient height and construction to contain the dog at all times.
- (b) An outdoor swimming pool, the edge of which is less than four (4) feet above grade, shall be completely enclosed by a fence not less than four (4) feet in height. The fence shall be so constructed as not to allow a five (5) inch diameter sphere to pass through the fence. A principal or accessory building may be used as part of such enclosure.

- (c) All gates or doors opening through an enclosure shall be equipped with a self-closing and self-latching device for keeping the gate or door securely closed at all times when not in actual use, except that the door of any building which forms a part of the enclosure need not be so equipped. The Building Official or his designee may permit other protective devices or structures to be used so long as the degree of protection afforded by the substitute device or structure is not less than the protection afforded herein.  
(Ord. 02-177. Passed 4-16-02.)

**1156.03 BARBED WIRE AND ELECTRIC FENCES.**

Except in the A Agricultural District, barbed wire and electric fences shall be subject to the following requirements.

- (a) Barbed wire shall consist of twisted wires with barbs on each wire a minimum distance of four (4) inches apart. Concertina wire shall be prohibited.
- (b) Except for the enclosure of livestock operations, barbed wire fences shall be permitted only in the C, M, or RDP districts, provided that the bottom strand of barbed wire shall not be less than six (6) feet above grade.  
(Ord. 03-244. Passed 7-8-03.)
- (c) Except for the enclosure of livestock operations, electric fences shall not be permitted in any district.
- (d) An electric fence for the enclosure of livestock operations shall not carry a charge greater than 25 milliamperes nor a pulsating current longer than one-tenth (1/10) second in a one (1) second cycle. All electric fence charges shall carry the seal of an approved testing laboratory.
- (e) Barbed wire and electric fences shall be prohibited within five (5) feet of a public sidewalk or within five (5) feet of a street right-of-way line where a public sidewalk does not now exist.