

D. Guidelines: Fences and Walls

Objective: Avoid the appearance of lots that have become “walled compounds.” Traditionally, most lots had lawns that were open to the street visually. In some cases, fences were installed, but these were typically low in scale and relatively transparent. This helped maintain a visual connection to the street.

Guideline D.1. Where fences are desired for security or privacy, open fences are preferred within front yards and along street sides.



These fence designs convey a sense of openness while also defining the public and private areas of the properties.

Guideline D.2. Avoid solid brick or masonry walls that prohibit breezes, cast shade on lawns and give residential lots the feeling of being an unwelcoming fortress.



Example of an inappropriate solid brick wall.



Although this fence is buffered by a layer of vegetation, it still creates a “walled compound” and should be avoided.

Regulation: Fences and walls are limited to four feet in height within the required 20-foot front yard of a lot and within 10-feet of any other street side property line. Within rear and side yards, fences are limited to 6-feet in height.

In no case, can any fence be located such that it would interfere with or obstruct clear sight distance for vehicles. (Section 24-157.)