

§ 145-47 Fences and walls.

A.

General regulations.

(1)

The standards and regulations herein set forth shall apply to all fences and walls hereinafter erected, altered or reconstructed, or which are presently existing and are not considered a preexistent nonconforming use under any present or former ordinance of the Borough of Medford Lakes.

(2)

No fence or wall, except as provided herein, shall exceed six feet in height at the highest point above ground level; fences or walls located within 25 feet of any dedicated street line, shall not exceed four feet at the highest point. At least 50% of the entire area of any fence or wall located within 25 feet of any dedicated street line shall be open space, uniformly distributed.

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(3)

Fences or walls enclosing bona fide athletic and recreational areas, such as baseball fields, tennis courts, playgrounds, and municipal property and property of the Board of Education of the Borough of Medford Lakes, shall not exceed 12 feet in height above ground level, and all such fences in excess of six feet in height shall be of wire mesh construction. Baseball field backstops shall not exceed 17 feet in height.

(4)

No fence or wall shall be fabricated, constructed or built of any material other than wood, wire (11 gauge or heavier), brick, stone or masonry.

(5)

The following fences, fencing materials and walls are specifically prohibited: barbed-wire fences, sharp pointed fences or walls, electrically charged fences, temporary fences, such as snow fences, expandable fences, and collapsible fences at any location on the lot upon which a dwelling or structure is situate.

(6)

No person shall, by the erection of any fences or wall pursuant to the provisions of this chapter or otherwise, acquire thereby any easement or other interest in or servitude upon any presently

existing easement, right-of-way, or other proprietary right or interest of the Borough of Medford Lakes. No fence or wall shall be erected to encroach on any public right-of-way.

(7)

No fence or wall shall be erected or maintained in such a manner as to obstruct free vision at any intersection.

(8)

Fences shall be installed with posts exposed on the inside facing the area to be fenced.

B.

Permits.

(1)

No fence or wall shall hereafter be erected, re-erected, constructed or altered, excluding any repairs, except as provided in this chapter and after a permit for same has been issued by the Zoning Officer.

(2)

Plans and detailed information shall be submitted with each application for a fence or wall permit, setting forth the dimensions, materials incorporated in construction and the exact location on the premises. All plans must comply with the Borough Construction Code.

Editor's Note: See Ch. 95, Construction Codes, Uniform.

(3)

The fee for a fence or wall permit shall be the same fee as a building permit.