

Fences and Gates for Single-Family Homes Zoning Code Update

The City's updated Zoning Code includes revised standards for new fences and gates associated with existing or new single-family homes on R-1 Single Family Residential parcels. The updated standards are intended to provide greater clarity, improve usability and offer residents easier-to-understand guidance.

5 Things to Know



All fences and gates over 42" in height require a Zoning Clearance and a building permit.



Front fences can be solid up to 42" in height. If over 42" in height, the fence must be 80% open.



Several new exhibits are included to illustrate fence and gate locations, maximum heights, maximum widths for vehicle and pedestrian gates, how to measure height when a wall consists of both a retaining wall and fence and minimum setbacks for different types of gates.



Replacement of legally constructed fences and walls that no longer meet current standards is permitted in certain circumstances.



Additional allowance for retaining walls in the front, side and rear setbacks are provided.

What this means for property owners

The update maintains minimum development standards for fences, walls and gates while providing clearer language, illustrations and additional standards where needed. Residents, property owners and design professionals can use the updated standards to better understand how zoning requirements apply to residential properties.



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