

CHAPTER 95: FENCE ORDINANCE

(A) In General

The following standards shall apply to all fences and walls in all zoning districts unless otherwise noted.

(1) Fences and walls shall be erected and maintained in a safe manner and good condition.

Fences and walls not erected or maintained in a safe manner or good order due to neglect, lack of repair, manner of construction, method of placement, or otherwise deemed unsafe by the town shall be repaired, replaced, or removed.

(2) Any fencing and wall construction placed prior to date of this ordinance shall be exempt from height material and set back prohibitions.

However if said fence or wall is in need of replacing or of over 20%, then the fence or wall must be brought up to current code within 60 days from notice.

(3) Fences and walls shall not contain advertising, signs, logos or other lettering unless expressly requested by the property owner, recommended by the town Planning Board and given final approval by the Cooleemee Board of Commissioners.

(4) Fences and walls shall be constructed such that the "finished" part of the fence or wall is located facing the exterior of the property with exceptions for picket and split rail fencing

(5) A fence construction permit must be obtained from the Town before construction of any fence or wall.

The permit is free and shall be submitted by the property owner.

A permit request form is available at the Town Hall and the completed form shall be submitted to the Clerk at the Town Hall.

The following items must accompany a fence/wall permit request:

a) A plot map from Davie County, showing the dimensions of the property, or a certified survey map of the property completed within the past ten (10) years.

b) A drawing of the proposed fence or wall that conforms to the requirements of this ordinance including setbacks from road and street right-of-ways, adjoining property as well as height of fence or wall.

c) The application will designate the type of material used for n fence or wall.

d) After accepting the application , a Town official will conduct a pre-construction inspection of the property on which the fence or wall is proposed to ensure that all setbacks are clearly marked and that the plan conforms to this Ordinance.

(B) HEIGHT AND MATERIAL

1) Fences and walls shall meet the height and material requirements below:

2) In front yards ,fences or walls shall be no higher than four (4) feet.

In side and rear yards fences and walls shall not exceed the height of (8) feet.

3) The following materials are acceptable for fence or wall construction:

Stone

Black or white aluminum

brick

vinyl

wrought iron

wood picket

pressure treated wood slats or boards

chain link (*rear and side yards only*)

split rail

4) Animal wiring (*hog or chicken wire*) may be attached to the inside of the rear and side yard fence.

5) No barbed or razor wire shall be installed as part of any fence or wall

(C) SETBACKS AND PLACEMENT

1) Fences and walls must be set back from the street or road right-of-way at least twelve (12) inches.

2) Fences or walls should be set back from adjoining property lines at least six (6) inches so as to provide for proper maintenance.

3) No fence or wall shall impede entrance for emergency vehicles.

4) a front yard shall be considered that space between the forward facing front of the house footprint .

A side yard shall be considered the space on either side of the house from the front to the rear of the house.

A rear yard shall be considered that space between the rear footprint of the house to the rear property line.

5) If the side yard of a house faces directly onto a public street, it must comply with a twelve (12) inch setback from the street or road right-of-way.

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