

Section 7.3 Fences, Walls and Screens.

Any person desiring to build or cause to be built a fence upon property within the City of Linden shall first apply to the Zoning Administrator for a permit. Application for such permit shall contain any and all information, including site plan and opacity, which are required and necessary for the determination of whether the erection of such fence would be contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance.

Except as otherwise required by this Ordinance, the following regulations shall apply:

7.3.1. In any residential district, fences in the required front yard shall not exceed three (3) feet in height and sixty-five (65%) percent solid surface. Fences in the side or rear yards shall not exceed six (6) feet in height.

7.3.2. In LS, GC, CBD and LI districts, no fence, wall, or other screening structure shall exceed eight (8) feet in height and shall only be placed in side or rear yards.

7.3.3. The use of barbed wire, spikes, nails, or any other sharp point or instrument of any kind on top or on the sides of any fence is prohibited. Barbed wire cradles may be placed on top of fences enclosing public utility buildings or wherever deemed necessary in the interests of public safety.

7.3.4. No fence shall be constructed or maintained which is charged or connected with an electrical current.

7.3.5. Screen and/or retaining walls shall be designed and constructed in accordance with applicable building code requirements. Retaining walls shall include face brick and similar materials to ensure that walls are of a high aesthetic quality.

7.3.6. Temporary construction fences and fences required for protection around excavations shall comply with the Building Code. Such fences shall be permitted for as long as ninety (90) days following issuance of the building permit.

7.3.7. Clear Vision Requirements.

1. No fence, wall, screen, hedge, sign, or other structure or planting shall obstruct visibility between the heights of thirty (30) inches and ten (10) feet above the sidewalk grade within twenty-five (25) feet of the intersection of two or more streets.
2. On any interior lot, no fence, wall, screen, hedge, sign, or other structure or planting shall obstruct the visibility of a driveway, either on a parcel or on an adjacent parcel, between the height of thirty (30) inches and ten (10) feet measured a distance of twenty (20) feet back from the point where the driveway intersects the street.