## 1153.15 ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES.

Accessory uses, buildings, and structures permitted in residential districts shall conform to the location, coverage, area, and maintenance standards contained in this Section and Chapter 1181, General Use Regulations. No accessory building or use shall be established on a lot unless a principal building or use has first been established on the lot in conformance with all applicable provisions of this Development Code.

- (j) Fences, Walls, and Planting Screens. Fences shall comply with Schedule 1153.15 and shall be constructed, located, and maintained in conformance with the standards set forth below:
- (1) Front Yard Fences. In the front yard of interior and corner lots, fences shall have a maximum height of thirty-six (36) inches. Only ornamental fences shall be permitted in the front yard, and the maximum length of any fence segment shall be thirty feet or the width of the front elevation of the house, whichever is less. Such fence segments shall be located no more than twelve (12) feet in front of the dwelling, and this distance shall be measured from the furthest projecting element on the front plane of the dwelling. A Zoning Certificate shall be required for a fence in the front yard, and such Certificate shall be approved by the Zoning Administrator. The Zoning Administrator may refer the application to the Architectural Review Board when, in his/her opinion, the appropriateness of the proposed fence should be judged by the Architectural Review Board.
- (2) Side Yard Fences. In the side yard, the maximum fence height shall be five (5) feet, except for chain link fences which shall not exceed four (4) feet in height. Ornamental, board on board, and picket fences are the only types of fences permitted in the side yard, except synthetic covered chain link fences are permitted to abut existing chain link fences, and except as provided for in sub-section 1153.15(j)(7) below.
- (3) Rear Yard Fences. Fences in the rear yard shall not exceed six (6) feet in height, except chain link fences which shall not exceed four (4) feet in height. Ornamental, board on board, picket fences, synthetic covered chain link fences, or similar fences that are twenty-five percent (25%) transparent regardless of the angle at which the transparency is viewed are the only types of fences permitted in the rear yard, except as provided for in sub-section 1153.15(j)(7) below. However, any portion of the fence over five (5) feet in height shall be constructed of materials that are fifty percent (50%) transparent when viewed perpendicular to the fence. The openings of the fence that provide the transparency shall be evenly spaced throughout the vertical surface.
- (4) Fences on a Corner Lot Within the Required Corner Side Setback. For lots located on a corner, fences may be located in the required corner side setback provided such fences are located behind the front wall of the principal building and setback five (5) feet from the corner side lot line. Only ornamental fences shall be permitted within the corner side yard to a maximum height of forty-two inches. A Zoning Certificate shall be required for a fence in the corner side yard, and such Certificate shall be approved by the Zoning Administrator.

The Architectural Review Board is authorized to grant an exception to this sub-section. The Architectural Review Board may grant a complete exception from this standard, or it may modify the standard in view of the peculiarities of the site. The Architectural Review Board may also impose reasonable conditions, such as the planting of landscaping, when approving such an exception. In evaluating a request for an exception, the Review Boards shall consider:

- A. The proposed opacity of the fence;
- B. The proposed height,
- C. The location of the propose fence; and,
- D. Any impacts on adjacent property or the public right-of-way.
- (5) Fences that are painted shall be one color. Fences and walls shall be maintained in good repair and condition, be structurally sound, and attractively finished at all times by the owner and/or occupant of the lot on which they are located. The smooth finished side of the fence or wall shall be the side of the fence that faces outward from the yard that is fenced:
- (6) Barbed wire, and electrified fences are prohibited. Acceptable fencing materials include stone, brick, finished wood, iron, metal, or synthetic look-alike products;
- (7) Privacy Fences. Basket weave, woven, louver, ventilating, stockade, palisade fences, and other fences whose vertical surface is less than twenty-five percent (25%) open to light and air shall comply with the following:
- A. Height & Location. Such fences shall have a height not to exceed six (6) feet provided that the fence shall not enclose more than two (2) sides of an area and shall not be located within the front or side setback established for the principal building nor within the rear setback established for an accessory building, except as provided for in subsections 1153.15 (j) (7) B. D. below.
- B. Privacy Fences on Rear Yards Adjacent to and Abutting Route I-90. On lot lines contiguous with the easement or right-of-way of I-90, privacy fences whose vertical surface is less than twenty-five percent (25%) open to light and air shall be permitted to a height not to exceed eight (8) feet
- C. Privacy Fence on Rear and Side Yards Adjacent to and Abutting the Norfolk Southern Railroad Tracks. On lot lines contiguous with the easement or right-of-way of the Norfolk Southern railroad tracks through the City, privacy fences whose vertical surface is less than twenty-five percent (25%) open to light and air shall be permitted to a height not to exceed eight (8) feet; provided, however, that should such contiguous lot line be a side lot line, such privacy fence may not extend on such lot line beyond any front setback line which may exist as the regulations thereon are contained in these Codified Ordinances.

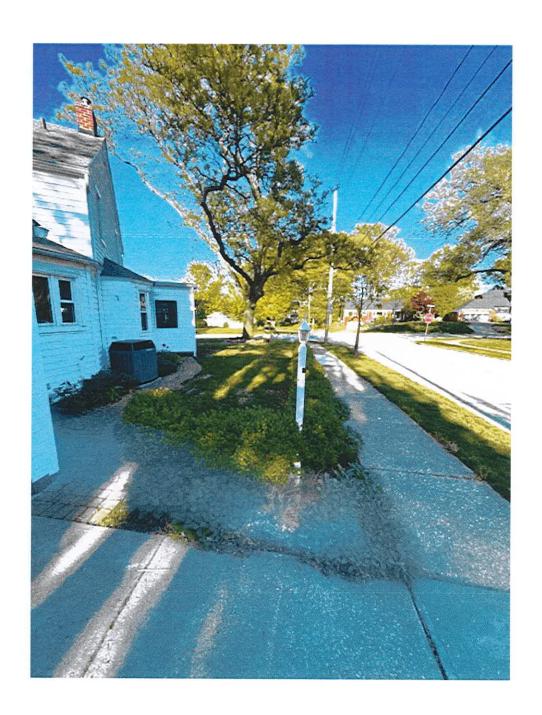
- Variance: To construct a front yard ornamental fence at 48" high vs. 36" permitted per 1153.15(j)(1).
- Variance: To construct a front yard ornamental fence projecting 34' in front of the dwelling vs. 12 feet permitted per 1153.15(j)(1).
- Variance: To construct a front yard ornamental fence within the corner side setback 48" in height vs. 42" permitted per 1153.15(j)(4).
- Variance: To construct a front yard ornamental fence at 1 foot from the corner side lot line vs. 5' permitted per 1153.15(j)(4).
- The Zoning Administrator may refer the application to the Architectural Review Board when, in his/her opinion, the appropriateness of the proposed fence should be judged by the Architectural Review Board.

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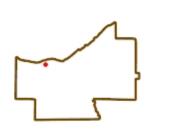
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- Municipalities
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