

ORDINANCE NO. 2320

AN ORDINANCE amending the definition of “fence” and “site-obscuring fence” in Section 18.03.030 of the Camas Municipal Code, and amending Section 18.17.050 of the Camas Municipal Code by revising the development standards for a fence.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMAS DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section I

The definition of “fence” in Section 18.03.030 is modified to provide as follows:

18.03.030 - Definitions.

II Buildings

Fence. A structure, other than a building, designed, constructed and intended to serve as a barrier or as a means of enclosing a yard or other structure; or to serve as a boundary feature separating two or more properties. Landscaping plantings do not fall within this definition.

Section II

The definition of “fence, site-obscuring”, in Section 18.03.030 of the Camas Municipal Code is amended to provide as follows:

18.03.030 - Definitions.

II Buildings

Fence, site-obscuring. A fence so arranged as to obstruct vision.

Section III

Section 18.17.050 of the Camas Municipal Code is amended to provide as follows:

18.17.050 - Fences.

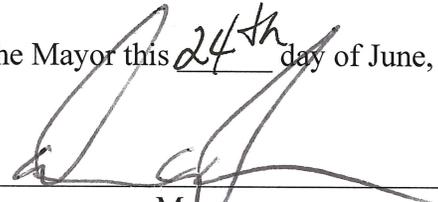
- A. Purpose. The purpose of this section is to provide minimum regulations for fences with the desired objectives of privacy and security for residents, and safety for motorists and pedestrians using the streets and sidewalks.
- B. Heights. Fences not more than 6 feet in height may be maintained along the side yard or rear lot lines; provided that such wall or fence does not extend into the front yard area. The front yard area is the distance between the front property line and the nearest point of the building specified in the zone districts under Title 18.
- C. A fence shall not exceed 3.5 feet (42 inches) in height in the front yard.
- D. Access. No fence shall be constructed so as to 1) block or restrict vehicular access to a dedicated alley, access, or way, or 2) create a traffic hazard by impairing or obstructing vision clearance from any driveway, alley, or access. Fences over 3.5 feet shall not be placed in the vision clearance area on corner lots.
- E. Prohibited materials. Fiberglass sheeting, barbed wire, razor ribbon or other similar temporary material shall not be permitted as a fencing material.

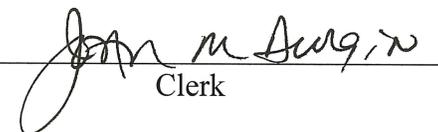
- F. Temporary fences. Vacant property and property under construction may be fenced with a maximum six-foot high, non-view obscuring fence.
- G. Measurement of fence and wall height. The height of a fence or wall shall be measured at the highest average ground level within three feet of either side of said wall or fence. In order to allow for variation in topography, the height of a required fence or wall may vary an amount not to exceed six inches; provided, however, that in no event shall the average height of such wall or fence exceed the maximum height permitted for that location.
- H. A/R exception. Barbed wire and electric fences shall be permitted on land classified A/R. All electric fences in such instances shall be clearly identified. Maintenance, repair, and replacement of existing fences shall be governed by state law.
- I. Security fencing may be permitted with the following limitations:
  - 1. The security fencing shall consist of not more than 4 strands of barbed wire located on the top of a six-foot high fence, and
  - 2. The security fencing shall be associated with a commercial or industrial development.

Section IV

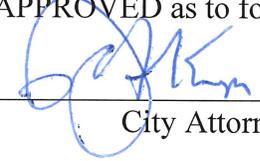
This ordinance shall take force and be in effect five (5) days from and after its publication according to law.

PASSED by the Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2002.

SIGNED:   
Mayor

ATTEST:   
Clerk

APPROVED as to form:

  
City Attorney