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APPLICATION GUIDANCE*

For

Installation of Walls and Fences (June 1, 2021)

The Town of Wethersfield has adopted zoning regulations for the installation of walls and fences. The provisions of Section 7.2. of the zoning regulations establish these requirements. The Town of Wethersfield has created this guide in an effort to summarize the requirements of these regulations for individuals interested in installing a fence or wall on their property.

*This guide is intended for general guidance only, and does not replace the full zoning regulation and code requirements. Any questions should be directed towards the Town of Wethersfield Zoning Officer who can be reached at (860)-721-2848.

**Please Note: Anyone wishing to install a fence in the Historic District must gain approval from the Historic District Commission prior to installation of any fence. Questions in this regard can be directed to the Historic District Commission Coordinator at (860)-721-2846.

Fences and Walls Allowed Without a Permit¹

Fences are permitted without a permit in residential zones that are not located in the Historic District, provided that:

- A fence shall not exceed four (4) feet in height between the street line and the building line (front yard).
- The fence when located in a front yard shall:
 - When viewed at right angles, not obstruct visibility by more than fifty percent (50%).
 - No component, other than those required for support, shall be greater than six (6) inches in width and diameter.
 - Each component shall be distributed so as to be separated by a dimension at least equal to its own width, and provide uniformity of design and visibility throughout the length and height of the fence.
- Fences shall not exceed six (6) feet in height when located behind the building line and in a rear or side yard. Fences in rear and side yards may be solid.

Additionally, be advised that corner lots have 2 front yards that must comply with the requirements noted above.

¹ All fences being installed in the Historic District require a Certificate of Appropriateness issued by the Historic District Commission.

Additional Fence Requirements

- No fence including supporting members may be located directly on a property line, without a written agreement with the affected neighboring property owner.
- Fences shall not have barbed wire, razor wire or electric current, so as to prevent any lawsuit liability.
- No fence shall block required sight lines at intersecting streets.
- In Residential Zones any fence that does not comply with the provisions of these regulation may request a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).
- Any fence located in the AG, SRD or any Business District that does not comply with the provisions of these regulations may seek a Site Plan approval from the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC).