

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1287.06, ITEM 1-C
(FENCES AND DECORATIVE WALLS) OF THE ZONING CODE**

(Note: Existing wording is designated in "black". First draft altered wording is designated in "red". Second draft Engineering recommended wording is designated in "blue". Third draft Planning Commission requested wording is designated in "green". Deleted wording is "struck-through".

- C. FENCES AND DECORATIVE WALLS-Fences and decorative walls shall be permitted subject to the following requirements:
1. **LOCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS:** Fences and decorative walls shall be permitted within interior side yard and rear yard areas **and within side and rear yards abutting a side street**. Fences and decorative walls shall also be permitted within front yard areas ~~or within side~~ or rear yard areas that abut a ~~side-or~~ rear street, provided they are located no closer than thirty (30) feet to any street right of way line and provided that such fences are otherwise in compliance with all other relevant provisions of this Section. **No fence and/or decorative wall shall be located within any third party utility easement (i.e. electric, gas, cable)**. No fence and/or decorative wall shall be located within a recorded **municipal utility** easement, except by **written recorded agreement**. Said agreement shall be subject to the review and exclusive approval of the **Director of Engineering City Engineer** and the Law Director and/or their designees.
 2. **HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS:** No fence, including any post, pole, or other supporting member, shall exceed six (6) feet in height above existing grade. Any fence type that is otherwise permitted under the requirements of this section, and that is located in a front yard area or within any ~~side-or~~ rear yard area abutting a ~~side-or~~ rear street, shall not exceed three and one half (3 %) feet in height. No decorative wall shall exceed three (3) feet in height.
 3. **PERMITTED FENCE AND WALL TYPES -** Fences located within interior side or rear lot areas **or within side or rear yards abutting a side street** shall be constructed in a quality workman like manner in accordance with the provisions of this code and shall have uniform aggregate openings comprising at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the surface area. **Fences located within side yard areas abutting a street shall be decorative metal, split rail, or picket type fences and/or any other substantially similar fence type as determined by the City of Solon.** Decorative walls, subject to all other requirements of this Section, may be composed of a continuous solid surface and are not ~~required~~ to provide aggregate openings. Fences located in front yard areas, or within ~~side-or~~ rear yard areas abutting a **rear** street shall be decorative metal, split rail, or picket type fences and/or any other substantially similar fence type as determined by the City of Solon. Such fences shall be constructed in a quality, workmanlike manner in accordance with the provisions of this code, and shall have uniform aggregate openings comprising at least forty five percent (45%) of the surface area.