



FENCE REGULATIONS IN THE CITY OF COLLEGE PARK

Residential fences on properties in the City of College Park are regulated by both the City and the County. The City's regulations must be at least as strict as the County regulations. The City Council is considering changes to the City's fence ordinance, and is interested in receiving comments from residents. A public input is scheduled for July 11, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. during the City's Mayor and Council Worksession. Below is a brief summary of the key differences between the City's current fence ordinance, the County ordinance, and proposed changes to the City's ordinance.

PURPOSE OF FENCE REGULATIONS

- To preserve and protect the character and attractiveness of residential neighborhoods
- To prevent reduction in visibility at corners and intersections.

SUMMARY COMPARISON OF COUNTY, EXISTING CITY, AND PROPOSED CITY ORDINANCES

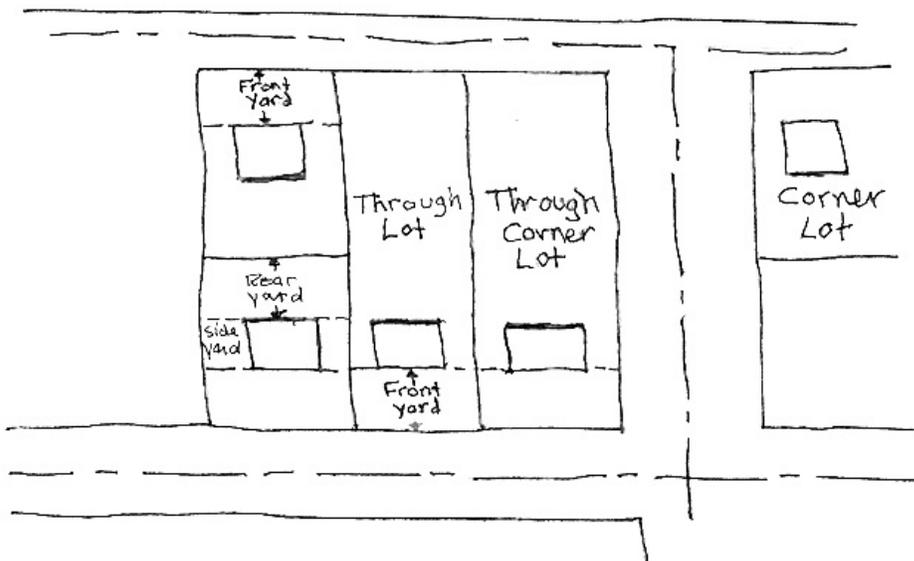
	County	Existing City	Proposed City
Front Yard Fence	Cannot exceed 4-feet in height	Not allowed unless a replacement fence	Not allowed unless a replacement fence
Side or rear yard fence	Cannot exceed 6-feet in height	Same	Same
Through or Corner Lot Fence <i>(see diagram)</i>	Cannot exceed 4-feet in height, can be built to property line	Requires 25-foot setback from property line along street	Requires 25-foot setback from property line along a street and cannot exceed 4-feet in height
Through Lot	Two front yards	One front yard based on orientation of the house	One front yard based on orientation of house
Chain Link Fence	Allowed in all yards	Not allowed in front yard except for reconstruction or replacement or by variance	1. Not allowed in front yard except for reconstruction or replacement OR 2. Not allowed except by variance
Building Permit	Not required if 4-feet in height or less	Required for all fences	Required except for garden fences 4-feet in height or less

KEY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE CITY AND COUNTY ORDINANCES

1. City requires permits for all fences. County only requires a permit for fences that exceed 4-feet in height.
2. County allows front yard fences up to 4-feet in height. City does not allow new front yard fences except by variance, but allows existing fences to be repaired or replaced.
3. County allows all fence materials except barbed wire/electrically charged materials. City does not allow chain link fences in the front yard except for replacements or by variance.
4. City requires a 25-foot setback for fences along a street on corners and through lots. The County does not. The County limits fences on corners to 4-feet in height.

Note: City law cannot be less restrictive than County law.

Illustration of Lot and Yard Definitions



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