

ORDINANCE NO. 24-0105

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4.60, SUBD. 33 OF THE CLAREMONT CITY CODE, REGULATING FENCES

The City Council of Claremont, Minnesota ordains:

1. Claremont City Code Section 4.60, Subd. 33, regulating fences, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Subd. 33 Fence Ordinance.

- A. Permit. A building permit shall be obtained from City Hall for any fence to be installed over six (6) feet in height. A zoning permit shall be obtained from City Hall for all fences. A site plan showing location of the fence shall accompany the permit application.
- B. Location. All fences shall be located entirely upon the property of the fence owner with a two (2) feet setback from all property lines. Fences or trees placed upon utility easements are subject to removal if required for the maintenance or improvements of the utility.
- C. Height. No fence shall exceed seven (7) feet in height in the rear yard or side yard and no fence shall exceed forty-eight (48 ") inches in height in the front yard.
- D. Construction and Maintenance. All fences shall be constructed and maintained in a substantial, workmanlike manner and of material reasonably suited for the purpose for which the fence is proposed to be used. Every fence shall be constructed so that the side containing the framing support and cross pieces face the interior of the fence owner's lot. No constructed fence may have boards, planks, or panels larger than twelve (12) inches in width. Any fence which does not comply with the provision of this paragraph or which endangers the public safety, health or welfare shall be considered a public nuisance.
- E. Snow Fencing. Commonly used materials for snow fencing may be used from October 15 to May 1. No permit shall be required for snow fencing.
- F. Prohibited Fencing Material. Electric fences are prohibited from use within the City, except areas where livestock are permitted. Such materials as hog wire fencing, barbed wire fencing, etc., will be prohibited from use, except areas where livestock are permitted.
- G. Special Purpose Fencing. Fences to be used for special purposes and fences differing in construction, height or length may be permitted in any district by issuance of a Conditional Use Permit subject to a public hearing by the Planning and Zoning Commission and final approval. Findings shall be made that the fence is necessary to protect, buffer or improve the premises for which the fence is proposed.

H. Property line fences in any industrial district shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height except that:


1. Fences erected along a property line in common with a residential district shall be subject to the provisions herein described in residential district fences, and
2. Fences in industrial districts which are primarily erected as a security measure may have arms projecting into the applicant's property on which barbed wire can be fastened and commencing at a point at least seven (7) feet above the ground, and
3. Such fence shall not be erected with the landscaped portion of the front yard of any industrial establishment.

I. Penalties. Any person who violates the terms of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

J. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and publication.”

2. This ordinance becomes effective upon passage and publication.

Passed by the City Council of Claremont, Minnesota this 2nd day of January, 2024.



Mayor Tasha Dahl

Attested:



Elizabeth Sorg, Administrator/Clerk