

MEMORANDUM

To: Ordinance Review Committee
From: Joel Greenwood
Subject: Electronic Fence Standards
Date: January 6, 2023

The Ordinance Review Committee is asking to review the setback requirements for Electronic Fencing.

Currently the regulation reads:

“10.26 Fence Standards

No fence shall be erected, constructed or re-constructed to a height of more than 6 feet when located in the required side, rear or front setback. In the RG, HDR, PR, PD and MUV Districts any fence located within a required front yard setback shall be limited to a height of not more than four (4) feet.

Within the RG, HDR, PR, PD, and MUV Districts any fence located within the required front yard setback shall be made of material that is not solid or opaque. The use of chain-link style fencing is not permitted within the required front yard setback in these districts.

The fence owner shall be responsible for locating the fence on his/her property.

The fence owner shall place all structural framing and posts facing towards his/her property.

No fence shall be erected, constructed or re-constructed so as to obstruct the sight lines at a driveway entrance/exit, street intersection or corner.”

It might be useful to add a whole subsection on electric fences, for example:

Electric Fences:

It shall be unlawful for any person to install, maintain, or operate an electric fence in violation of this section.

Electric fences are allowed as a permitted use in the ___ and ___ Districts only. (Distinguish for rural uses?)

Electric fences abutting a residential use are prohibited.

Electric fences in the permitted zoning districts are allowed subject to the following requirements:

a. Location Requirements: Electric fences shall only be allowed for security of outdoor storage. Electric fences shall not be allowed in required front yard setbacks.

- b. Fence Height: Electric fences shall be a maximum height of ___ feet (___). (Stay at 6ft?)*
- c. Warning Signs: Electric fences shall be clearly identified with warning signs that read: "Warning - Electric Fence" at intervals of not greater than thirty feet (30').*
- d. Setbacks: Electric Fences should be setback ___ft from property lines.*