

OFFICIAL ZONING CODE INTERPRETATION (No. 4)
(Zoning Code Section 20-30.060)

ZONING CODE PROVISION INTERPRETED:

Section 20-30.060(C), Table 3-1, Maximum Height of Fences

At issue is whether or not a building permit is required for fences exceeding six feet in height.

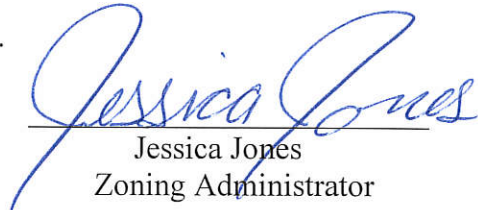
Zoning Code Section 20-30.060(C), Table 3-1, Maximum Height of Fences, includes a note (number 2) that states “a six-foot fence with two feet of lattice is allowed by right in an interior side or rear yard setback, and outside of a required front or street side setback (see Figure 3-5); provided that any fence exceeding six feet in height requires a building permit.”

California Building Code and California Residential Code (Chapter 1, Division II) both state that fences that do not exceed a height of seven feet are exempt from building permit requirements.

Therefore, it is determined that the Zoning Code reference to a requirement for a building permit for fences exceeding six feet in height is no longer applicable. Requirements for a building permit for fences shall be determined in compliance with the California Building Code and California Residential Code.

This determination is consistent with the General Plan.

Date: 10-1-14


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