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UDC 2.3.6 Fence and wall requirements.

A. Height.

- Residential shall not exceed six (6) feet.
- Non-Residential shall not exceed Eight (8) feet
- These limits may be exceeded by up to 50% on sloped lots where the appearance of an even fence line is desired.

B. Location on Property.

- Walls, fences, shrubbery or hedges over three (3) feet in height:
 - May not be located within twenty (20) feet of an intersection of two or more streets or
 - May not be located within ten (10) feet of the edge of a driveway leading to a street.
 - May not placed closer than five (5) feet from required landscape strips and buffers to accommodate construction and maintenance.
- Fences that are not private in nature (such as split rail) may be allowed within buffers and floodplain for the delineation of property or other purposes not intended to disturb the buffer area.
- Fences and walls shall not encroach platted drainage easements.
- Fences and walls with proposed encroachments on water and sewer easements require prior authorization from Fulton County.

C. Materials.

- Fences and walls used as fences shall be made of wood (which shall be protected from decay by the use of naturally durable wood or wood that is pressure treated), metal, brick, block, vinyl or stone.
- The use of plywood/sheet goods as a material is prohibited
- Barbed wire, razor wire or electrically charged fencing shall be permitted in AG and RE districts and may be permitted, subject to administrative review and approval, in other districts.
- No solid fences greater than four (4) feet in height are permitted within buffers, flood plain and front setbacks
- Masonry structures made of brick, stone, and/or block over four (4) feet in height are considered site walls and require a building permit.

D. Appearance.

- All fencing shall be constructed with finished side facing away from the property owner's property.
- Fences and walls used as fences shall not be finished with bright or primary colors or be visually distracting in any other way.
- A privacy fence or chain link fence along a public or private right-of-way shall only be permitted when the required landscape strip and associated landscape material is provided.
- Privacy and chain link fences shall be prohibited in a front yard, except that the Director of Community
 Development, or designee, may approve a privacy fence in the front yard on collector or arterial streets.

E. Permit.

 A permit for construction shall not be required to erect a fence or wall used as a fence that is built in accordance with these standards. Signage incorporated into such fences shall require a sign permit.

