

**40-4-4**        **FENCES, WALLS AND HEDGES.** Fences, walls or hedges used for any purpose shall in all districts conform to the following:

(A)            For the purpose of minimizing traffic hazards at street intersections by improving visibility for converging vehicles:

(1)        Visual obstructions higher than **two and one-half (2 ½) feet** above the adjacent top of the curb or street elevation, whichever is higher, shall not be permitted to be planted, maintained or erected.

(2)        No fence, wall, hedge, or other planting shall encroach into the designated sight distance triangle, as defined in **Section 40-1-9(B)**.

(B)            No barbed wire or other such sharp pointed fence below **six (6) feet** in height and no electrically charged fence shall be erected or maintained except in agricultural districts.

(C)            No permanent fence, retaining wall, or obstruction shall be constructed or erected within any public street or alley right-of-way unless authorized by the Village Board. Fences erected on public easement or across ditches shall be so constructed that drainage shall not be obstructed and in the event of necessity for removal of such fence for maintenance or other purposes removal and/or replacement of such fence or other improvement shall be the responsibility of the owner of the fence or retaining wall.

(D)            Fences erected in the front yard shall not exceed **four (4) feet** in height and shall permit direct vision through at least **fifty percent (50%)** of any **one (1) square foot** segment of vertical surface area (**See Sec. 40-4-4(A) for exceptions**). (**Ord. No. 481; 01-09-89**)

(E)            No fence, wall, or other obstruction shall be erected on or within **three (3) feet** of any alley or public right-of-way. Temporary barricades shall require a permit issued by the Chief Building and Zoning Official.

(F)            No fence, wall or other obstruction shall exceed **eight (8) feet** in height in any district except the Industrial District where the maximum height shall not exceed **ten (10) feet**; in addition, in areas near street intersections, special height restrictions shall be applicable to fences, walls, or other obstructions.

(G)            No fence, wall, or other obstruction, which completely encloses a lot, shall be erected without the provision of a gate or similar type of moveable barrier for accessibility.