§ 4.20.050 Fences

A. Fences In Urban Residential Districts. Fences in all R1, R1E, R2, R1S and RHS districts, and Al districts within urban service areas are subject to all of the following regulations:

1. Fences or hedges shall not exceed three (3) feet in height within any portion of a lot within 20 feet of the front lot line (or edge of front right-of-way).

2. Fences or hedges shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height within any other portion of a lot, except as specified in subsection 3 below.

3. On corner lots, fences along the exterior side lot line (or edge of side right-of-way) may be as tall as eight (8) feet, except that a three-foot height limitation shall apply within the following areas: (a) within the 40-foot sight clearance triangle defined by Section B17-69 of the County Ordinance Code, which relates to vehicular sight clearance on intersecting streets, and (b) within a 20-foot sight clearance triangle where the rear of a corner lot abuts the front and side yards of a key lot.

4. Where architecture and site approval is required for the establishment of a use, the regulations specified in this section may be modified through the architecture and site approval process (Chapter 5.40).

5. Fences that reasonably must exceed the height limitations specified within this section, such as enclosures for tennis courts, or due to physical circumstances such as unusual topography, or for consistency with and preservation of neighborhood character, may be allowed subject to the design review provisions of Chapter 5.50.

6. Fences in “-d” and “-sr” combining districts shall be subject to the design review provisions of Chapter 5.50.
B. **Fences in Rural Districts.** Fences in A, AR, HS, RR and RS districts and Al districts outside of urban service areas are subject to all of the following regulations:

1. Fences or hedges not exceeding six (6) feet in height may occupy any portion of a lot within 20 feet of the edge of any street right-of-way. However, on corner lots where two (2) or more streets intersect, Section B17-69 of the County Ordinance Code relating to sight clearance for fences and hedges applies.

2. No fence may be built in a manner that significantly obstructs the view from vehicles exiting a driveway of approaching vehicular or pedestrian traffic. Within a triangle formed by two (2) 20-foot sides measured from the point of intersection along the edge of pavement and the edge of driveway, no fence may exceed three (3) feet in height, unless design review approval is obtained under Chapter 5.50.

3. Fences or hedges not exceeding eight (8) feet in height may occupy any portion of a lot other than the restricted areas described in subparagraphs one (1) and two (2), above.

4. Where architecture and site approval is required for the establishment of a use, the regulations specified in this subsection may be modified through the architecture and site approval process.

5. Fences that reasonably must exceed the height limitations specified within this section, such as for tennis courts, or due to physical circumstances such as unusual topography, or for consistency with and preservation of neighborhood character, may be allowed subject to the design review provisions of Chapter 5.50.

6. Fences in “-d” and “-sr”