

Sec. 38-176. Walls and screens.

(a) Within the limits of the front yard space of a lot in a residential district, no fence, wall, or other screening structure shall exceed three (3) feet in height. No such fence or wall located within a side or rear yard shall exceed six (6) feet in height.

(b) In a commercial, industrial, or research office district, no fence, wall, or other screening structure shall exceed twelve (12) feet in height.

(c) Barbed wire, spikes, nails, or any other sharp point or instrument of any kind on top or on the sides of any fence, and electrified fences are prohibited in the LA, R-3, R-2, R-1, RM, and RMH zoning districts. Barbed wire cradles may be placed on top of fences enclosing public utility buildings or wherever deemed necessary in the interest of public safety.

(d) On waterfront lots, fences, walls, screens, and other structures which are located between the main building and the water front shall be of an open air type, permitting visibility through at least eighty percent (80%) of its area, and shall measure no greater than four (4) feet in height, excepting the safety requirements for private swimming pools in Section 38-171(9).

(e) Retaining walls shall be designed and constructed in accordance with applicable building code requirements.