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FENCES WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

In the Town of Chili residential fences do not require a permit. However, there are town codes to follow. Below are a few reminders and code requirements. Non-residential properties and pool fences may have different requirements.

Reminders:

- Review the property survey map to identify any development approval requirements.
 - Development within an easement and a floodplain permit.
- The maximum height of a fence permitted is 6 feet behind the front of the home.
- The maximum height of a fence permitted is 4 feet between the front of the home and the road.
 - Corner lot properties are considered to have two fronts.
- The most decorative side of the fence is required to face outwards, towards neighboring properties.
- The fence can be placed up to the property line. However, we advise leaving space for maintenance (repairs, mowing...) without leaving your property.

Code: § 500-54. Fences, walls, hedges and screen planting.

A. Fences, walls, hedges and screen planting are permitted as follows:

(1) In any front yard, provided that they do not exceed four feet in height above the elevation of the top of the curb or surface of the ground at that point. Fences installed on a patio or deck shall be measured from the floor level of that structure. Fences installed around perimeters of working farms will be allowed a six-foot-high fence in the front setback area.

(2) In any rear or side yard, provided that they do not exceed six feet in height above the surface of the ground at that point. Fences installed on a patio or deck shall be measured from the floor level of that structure.

(3) On a corner lot, no fence, wall, hedge or screen planting over four feet in height shall be constructed within the yards adjacent to the streets.

(4) Fences, walls, hedges or screen plantings may be required in the Residential Preservation Overlay District, multifamily, business or industrial districts by the Planning Board, such as is necessary to protect the residential quality of adjacent property in any residential district.

(5) No fence shall be constructed of barbed wire or be electrified unless said fence is on a farm.

(6) Snow fences are permitted for the period from November 1 until April 15 of the following year but are prohibited from April 16 until October 31. Snow fences shall not be placed within a public right-of-way. Snow fences shall conform with the other requirements of this section. However, any snow fence erected or maintained by a governmental body shall be exempt from the provisions of this section.

B. A permit is required for all fences erected in a commercial or industrial district, with a fee as set by Town Board resolution.

C. For purposes of this section, a "fence" is defined as a brick or stone wall and a hedge located outside of the area bounded by the front building foundation line and the side and rear setback requirements. The face side of any fence erected in any district shall face the nearest abutting property, and all posts shall be on the inside of said fence unless said posts or supports constitute an integral part of said face side (see § 500-101, Definitions).