

AN ORDINANCE NO. 22-6

To amend §§ 286-200, 286-530.20, and 286-602 of Chapter 286, Zoning, of the Colonial Heights City Code to add definitions of decorative, lattice, and picket fences; to amend the type of fence prohibited beyond the front plane of a building; and to allow the Zoning Administrator to modify the requirements for fences, walls, and hedges on commercial property, as she deems appropriate.

THE CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Sections 286-200, 286-530.20, and 286-602 of Chapter 286, Zoning, of the Colonial Heights City Code are amended as follows:

§ 286-200. Definitions.

C. The words and terms below shall have the following meanings:

FAMILY – One or more persons related by blood, marriage, or adoption, or under approved foster care, or a group of not more than four persons (including domestic help) living together as a single housekeeping unit.

FENCE, DECORATIVE – Open or solid fence which contributes to the identification of the principal use, is not erected to satisfy any other provision of this Code, and consists of material that is not typically found in security structures, such as chain link.

FENCE, LATTICE – Fencing with posts consisting of a minimum of 2 horizontal rails and no less than 1 inch wide perpendicularly crossed laths spaced no more than 2 inches apart.

FENCE, PICKET – Fencing with at least 2 horizontal rails and vertical pickets. The pickets shall be no more than 4 inches wide and no further apart than their own width.

§ 286-530.20. Location and design of fences.

C. On any lot, fences located in front of the building line shall not exceed 42 inches in height. No ~~solid/privacy or~~ chain link or other wire type fencing shall be permitted in the front yard.

D. The Use of razor or barbed wire, or electrified fencing, or debris, junk, plywood, rolled or sheet plastic, waste, or similar materials as fencing is prohibited.

E. The Zoning Administrator may modify the requirement for fences, walls, or hedges on commercial properties where parking views are minimized through the use of decorative architectural, landscaping and/or topographic features designed to reduce open views of parking from the road and include improvements which accommodate pedestrian travel across storefronts, between buildings, and between sites.

§ 286-602. Zoning Administrator; powers and duties.

E. The Zoning Administrator may modify the requirement for fences, walls, or hedges on commercial properties as provided in Subsection E of § 286-530.20 of this Code.

2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its approval on second reading.

Approved:

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

I certify that the above ordinance was:

Adopted on its first reading on _____.

Ayes: _____. Nays: _____. Absent: _____. Abstain: _____.

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City Attorney