

TOWN OF POMFRET

SECTION 615 FENCES/WALLS

A. Purpose - For the purpose of protecting properties adjacent to fences and walls from indiscriminate placement, unsightliness, related health and safety problems, etc., the following rules and standards shall apply:

B. Definition - Fences shall, for the purpose of this law, include hedges and walls and is further defined in the definitions section.

C. Regulations - Fences and walls shall be allowed by permit in any district and shall conform to the regulations which follow:

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2. **Permits** - Fences shall be allowed up to 6 feet in height by "No Permit". Fences above 6 feet in height shall require a Special Use Permit and consideration will be given to visibility from adjacent properties, light and air movement, etc.

3. Setback from Road - Fences shall not be located within legal highway rights-of-way.

4. **Proximity to Neighboring Properties** - All fences, walls, and/or hedges shall be located no closer than 2 feet from adjacent property lines. This rule can be waived if agreed to in writing by adjacent property owners.

5. Fire Hazard - Any fence considered to be flammable shall be prohibited. Also, any fence in a potentially hazardous location shall be not allowed.

6. Finished Sides - The finished sides of all fences must face adjacent properties. This rule can be waived if agreed to in writing by adjacent property owners.

7. **Materials** - Only durable materials generally used and accepted by the industry shall be used for fences.

8. Maintenance - All fences shall be maintained structurally and visually.

9. Lakeshore Fence - See supplemental section on Lakeshore Regulations.

10. Corner setbacks - Fences, walls, and/or hedges shall not be located so as to cut off or reduce visibility at intersections. See Section on Visibility in Article V.

D. Preexisting Fences - Fences in existence at the time of the enactment of this Law shall only be subject to regulation number 1 - Exempt Fencing and regulation number 8 - Maintenance; as listed above.

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