

BOROUGH OF HOUSTON
ORDINANCE NO. 510

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HOUSTON, WASHINGTON COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING SECTION §295-15(B)(5)-YARDS, OF THE CODIFIED
ORDINANCES OF HOUSTON BOROUGH TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR
FENCES WITHIN THE BOROUGH

(5) Non-gravity walls and fences:

(a) Fences and non-gravity walls may be used for privacy, protection or screening.

(b) Any fence or non-gravity wall forward of the building set back line shall be no higher than four feet, shall not be a privacy fence and shall not encroach into the street right-of-way. Fences and non-gravity walls in side and rear yards shall not exceed a height of six feet. Fence height measurements shall not include projections above fence posts, decorative features, or other protrusions. A permit to erect a non-gravity wall and/or fence shall be required in accordance with the regulations of the Borough of Houston. Athletic fields and similar recreation facilities are exempt from the six-foot height restriction.

(c) Fences:

- (1) Fences shall be defined to include a front and back face. The finished side of the fence shall be considered the front face and the front face shall be oriented toward the exterior of a lot so that a maximum of 80% of each structural member of the fence, unless a split rail fence, shall be visible from an adjacent lot.
- (2) Privacy fences shall include fences with slat spacing of less than one inch.
- (3) No fence in the residential zoning districts shall be barbed wire or electric, excluding use on a farm.
- (4) No privacy or chain link fence may be constructed forward of the front setback lines.
- (5) No front yard fence shall exceed four feet in total height (measured from the ground to the highest point of fencing material).
- (6) No side or rear fence shall exceed six feet in total height (measured from the ground to the highest point of fencing material).
- (7) Fences, including decorative fencing, shall not have unprotected spikes or similar components.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED THIS 10th DAY OF January, 2023.

BOROUGH OF HOUSTON

Larry W. Scous

By:

Council President

Attest:

Denise Zelle
Secretary

