

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-11**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IV TITLED "GENERAL REGULATIONS" IN CHAPTER 233  
OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORWOOD**

**§ 233-23.2. Fences.**

[Added 6-8-2016 by Ord. No. 16:09]

A. All fences erected on residential property in the Borough of Norwood are subject to the following requirements:

- (1) A fence permit is required to be issued by the zoning officer for all fences, except living fences, erected in the Borough.
- (2) No fence erected on or around a residential lot or parcel of land may exceed six feet in height. Preconstructed fences of a standard six-foot height must be installed as close to the ground as possible. The total height of the fence will not include any slight undulations of the ground, provided that 80% of the fence does not exceed the maximum height of six feet.
- (3) No fence may be erected on a front yard of any lot in residential zone or along a public right-of-way unless the fence is less than 50% solid and is not more than four feet in height.
- (4) Fences must be constructed with the face of the finished side facing away from the subject residential property and the structural side toward that property.
- (5) Fences that are painted will be painted in only one color that is harmonious with the surrounding area. Multicolor fences are prohibited.
- (6) Fences must be erected in a manner so as to permit the flow of natural drainage and may not cause surface water to be blocked or dammed to create ponding.
- (7) Fences higher than the six feet, including but not limited to those required around a tennis court, may be permitted in a residential zone by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. However, these fences will be considered structures, requiring building permits, and will comply with the minimum side and rear yard requirements for accessory buildings.
- (8) Fences around permanent swimming pools and portable pools will comply with the requirements of Code § 233-26l.

[Amended 3-14-2018 by Ord. No. 18:02]

- (9) The following fences and fencing materials are prohibited: barbed-wire fences; short fences with points; canvas, cloth and electrically charged fences; poultry netting; fences constructed of woven, interwoven or laced plastic material; temporary fences, such as snow fences; expandable fences; and collapsible fences at any location on the lot upon which a dwelling or structure is situated, except during construction on such property.
- (10) Every fence must be maintained in a safe, sound, and upright condition and in accordance with the approved plan on file with the Zoning Officer.
- (11) All fences must be erected within the property lines. No fences may be erected so as to encroach upon a public right-of-way or to interfere with the vehicular or pedestrian traffic or with visibility on corner lots. The minimum distance to the front property line shall not be less than ~~will be~~ 10 feet.

~~(12) Minimum distance to any property line, except for the front property line, will be one foot, provided that common fences may be located on the rear side property lines with the consent of the adjacent owner. The minimum distance to the front property line will be 10 feet.~~

~~(13) A fence must be placed on the property owned by the person erecting that fence, unless a written mutual agreement is made by both adjoining property owners involved, allowing the fence to be placed on the property line between the two adjoining properties.~~

(12) A fence must be placed on the property owned by the person erecting that fence but not more than 2 inches away from the property line to avoid creating a large gap between neighboring fences, unless a written mutual agreement is made by both adjoining property owners involved allowing the fence to be placed on the property line between the two adjoining properties.

(13) No fence may be erected where it creates a traffic vision barrier.

(14) Fences shall be kept free from peeling paint and maintained in good appearance. Vinyl fencing shall be in a clean condition and free from dirt, grime, and algae.

(15) All fences shall be symmetrical in appearance, having posts separated by identical distances and fencing conforming to a definite pattern with the approved plan on file with the Zoning Officer.

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ATTEST:

APPROVED BY:



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James P. Barsa, Mayor