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FENCE REGULATION ORDINANCE, AND REPEAL OF PREVIOUS FENCE REGULATIONS ORDINANCE PROVISIONS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, that:

- 1. Section 21.22 of the Code of the City of Urbana as enacted September 3, 1968, be deleted in its entirety.
 - 2. That Section 21.22 be reenacted effective this date as follows:
- a. Definitions: A fence shall mean a constructed barrier enclosing or bordering a field, yard, building, etc.

A hedge shall denote an ornamental hedge, line of trees, line of plants, etc.

- b. To prevent obstruction of sightlines, except within five feet of a building, no fence or hedge may be taller than three feet measured from the crown of the pavement at an intersection within a triangle (the visibility triangle) having as vertices the following three points: Point of intersection of the center lines of two intersecting streets and the point on each street located on the center line of the street distant from the intersection of the center lines the sum of 75 feet and one-half of the average right of way width of the other street.
- c. To prevent obstruction of sight lines, trees within a visibility triangle shall be trimmed so that the lower foliage line is maintained at least six feet above the crown of the adjoining pavement, except that trees need not be trimmed more than 1/3 of their height.
- d. To prevent obstruction of sight lines, within ten feet of the intersection of right of way lines of a street and an alley, the height limitations of paragraphs b. & c. shall apply.
- e. Height limitations of this ordinance for fences shall govern over any screening height requirements of the Zoning Ordinance.
- f. Not withstanding the above provisions, the Commissioner of Public Works may require the modification or removal of any fence, hedge, shrub, tree, or other similar item of landscape upon a finding that said object constitutes an eminent danger to the health or safety of the public. In reaching his decision, the Commissioner shall consider traffic visibility, traffic density, street widths and alternate ways of alleviating the danger.
- g. No fence in a required front yard may be taller than six feet measured from the ground.

- h. No fence may be taller than eight feet unless it is more than 95% open.
- i. On fences described under paragraphs g. and h. preceding, a variance of one foot may be granted by the Commissioner of Public Works, provided such a variance does not create a safety hazard.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, this 2 day of July A.D. 1969.

Duan Scherty City Clerk

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