

ORDINANCE NO. 1061

AN ORDINANCE DESCRIBING ALLOWABLE FENCES IN THE CITY OF STAFFORD,
KANSAS

Be it ordained by the City of Stafford, Kansas that the following provisions and specifications for fencing within the City limits shall be followed for any new or replacement fence within the City Limits:

FENCES:

COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES:

1. Commercial properties shall consist of any property where someone conducts a business or sells merchandise within the city limits. Properties which manufacture any merchandise shall also be considered a commercial property.
2. In all commercial areas outside of the building, merchandise or inventory shall be allowed to be stored under the following conditions:
 - A. Items may be displayed in areas in the front of the property along the sidewalk only, while allowing sufficient space for pedestrian travel, no merchandise shall be displayed in the street or easement in the 100 Block North to the 200 Block of South Main and the 100 Block West to the 100 Block of East Broadway.
 - B. Any other business shall be allowed outside storage of material and merchandise if the same is kept in a fenced in area. The fence shall be at least six feet high. The fence shall be a solid fence or a visually solid fence that is so constructed to light and air but when the fence is viewed from a position perpendicular to the face of the fence the openings are not visible. The city council may require a higher fence to be constructed if the commercial site has outside storage that is higher than six feet.
 - C. Fences shall be made of such material in a commercial zone that shall be attractive and visually pleasing. No fences shall be made of stacked tires, automobiles, junk, pallets or plywood. Fencing material which is acceptable is colored metal all of the same color, chain link fence with visual barriers placed in the links or solid wood like an attractive cedar fence.
 - D. If there is a business adjacent to a residential area then there shall be a fence placed between the business and the residence which shall be of the material described above.
 - E. No fence shall be constructed closer to the street than the property line of the lot or group of lots. No fence shall constitute a traffic hazard and no permit shall be granted for the construction of a fence unless the building official has certified that the proposed fence shall not constitute a traffic hazard. No person shall design a fence in such a manner or be designed to be hazardous or dangerous to persons or animals.

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES:

1. Residential properties shall consist of any property where someone resides or is designed to be a property where someone could reside.

2. On residential properties:

A. No fences shall be constructed closer to the street than the property line of the lot or group of lots. No fence erected in the front yard shall be constructed of a height greater than four feet.

B. No fence shall constitute a traffic hazard and no permit shall be granted for the construction of a fence unless the building official has certified that the proposed fence shall not constitute a traffic hazard. No person shall design a fence in such a manner or be designed to be hazardous or dangerous to persons or animals.

C. No person shall erect or maintain any fence which will materially damage the adjacent property by obstructing the view, shutting out the sunlight or hindering ventilation, or any fence which shall adversely affect the public health, safety and welfare.

D. No fence, except fences erected upon public school grounds or public parks and in public playgrounds, shall be constructed of a height greater than six feet; provided the city council may authorize a higher fence if the council finds the public welfare is preserved.

This ordinance is hereby approved this 10th Day of August, 2020, and it shall become effective after its publication in the official City paper.

Julie Lyon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jami Downing, City Administrator