

City of Cañon City

Fences, Walls and Hedges

17.20.080 Fences, walls and hedges.

A. Fences, walls and hedges may be permitted in any required setback area or along the property line in residential districts, provided they do not exceed thirty inches in height and excepting that fences which are at least fifty percent open may be erected to a maximum height of forty-eight inches within or along any required front yard setback area. Fences and walls erected in other than the required front yard setback area in residential districts may not exceed seventy-two inches in height.

B. Fences and walls erected in the industrial, general commercial and central business districts shall be reviewed and may be approved by the city engineer only if the engineer has determined that the structure will not create a visual clearance or traffic hazard. In making such determination, the city engineer shall give due consideration to applicable sections of this title, including but not limited to Sections 17.20.170 and 17.20.200.

C. Fences and walls erected in any zone district for purposes of public safety, health and welfare shall be reviewed and approved or disapproved by the city engineer and the city administrator.

17.20.170 Screening.

A. All commercial exterior activity areas, including but not limited to service areas and outdoor storage yards, adjacent to existing or proposed residential property, shall be screened by means of plant materials, earth moundings, architectural screens or location of structure to take advantage of natural and existing screening, so as to provide visual and aural separation between these uses and the adjacent residential property.

B. Junkyards in commercial and industrial zone districts shall be screened with an opaque solid fence or earth berm to a height determined by the City Engineer as necessary, so as to provide visual and aural separation between such use and adjacent areas.

C. All extractive industries, adjacent to existing or proposed residential property, shall be screened by means of plant materials, earth moundings, or solid fencing at least eight (8) feet high to provide visual and aural separation between such use and adjacent areas.

D. Display lots which are used exclusively for storage of commercial goods intended for immediate retail sale or rent, including but not limited to, the display lot of automobile, mobile home and farm implement dealers, landscaping stock and rental centers which display vehicles, equipment and product immediately able to perform the function or purpose for which it was originally intended, shall be exempt from screening requirements.

17.20.200 Vision clearance.

Vision clearance areas shall be provided with the following distance establishing the size of the vision clearance area:

A. In a residential district, the minimum distance shall be twenty-five feet, or at the intersection of a street and an alley, ten feet.

B. In all other districts, the minimum distance shall be fifteen feet; or, at the intersection of a street and an alley, ten feet; except, when the angle of intersection between streets is less than sixty degrees, the distance shall be twenty-five feet.

C. The planting, trimming, spraying, removal or destruction of street trees shall be handled in accordance with Chapter 5.52 of the municipal code. The need for and the extent of trimming or removal of bushes, trees or other plant growth within vision clearance zones is to be determined by the police department on the basis of the obstruction creating a traffic hazard.