Sec. 18-492. - Walls and fencing.

(a) General. Fences and walls should be decorative in nature, and generally contribute to the visual quality of the project or development, while being by design as unobtrusive as possible. A combination of fencing and landscaping should be incorporated wherever practicable. A permit shall be required for all walls and fences.

(b) Requirements.

(1) For development projects on sites that are 15 acres or larger, screening for loading docks and service areas shall be a minimum of six feet high and constructed of materials and finishes that are compatible with, and complementary of, the main building. This standard is encouraged for projects under 15 acres as well.

(2) All authorized outside storage shall be screened.

(3) Screen all utility equipment, meters and transformers from view with fencing, walls, landscaping, or a combination of the three.

(4) A screening wall must have staggered sections and columns, or other visual relief, every 50 feet, as shown in Figure 492.1.

![Figure 492.1](image)

(c) Design and materials. Walls and fencing shall be constructed of materials and finishes that are compatible with, and complementary of, the adjacent building architecture.

(1) Retaining wall heights are limited to a maximum height of four feet measured from the highest point of grade, unless otherwise authorized by the director.

(2) Perimeter fences and walls (those 42 inches in height or greater) shall be of two-sided construction.

(3) Chain-link and related fencing shall not be used unless approved through the Development process.

(4) For development projects on sites that are 15 acres or larger, fences and walls should be constructed from durable material such as stone, brick, metal having a dark finish (e.g., wrought iron), or any combination approved through the development permit process. Other fencing materials may be considered for development projects on sites that are less than 15 acres.

(5) Concrete walls are permitted only when faced with masonry or stone, or if the surface is scored or textured.

(Ord. No. 3070, § 4, 9-23-08; Ord. No. 3095, § 1, 4-28-09; Ord. No. 3165, § 1, 4-12-11)