# Meeting Notice and Agenda Planning Commission 

Chairman James Rose<br>Commissioner Thomas G. Campbell<br>Commissioner Charles Covington<br>Commissioner Pamela Georgelos<br>Commissioner Karen Liepmann<br>Commissioner Kristina Locke<br>Commissioner William Nassikas

## 6:00 PM

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER

## 2. ROLL CALL

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(b) If attending by Zoom Video Conference, click the chat button and enter your name and the agenda item you would like to address
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Notice is hereby given pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02. that members of the Planning Commission will attend by audio/video conference call.

Notice is hereby given that members of the Public Body will attend either in person or by telephone conference call, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431(4).

## 3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Public Body may convene into an executive session at one or more times during the meeting as needed to confer with the Town Attorney for legal advice regarding any of the items listed on the agenda as authorized by A.R.S. §38-431.03.A.3.

## 4. STUDY SESSION ITEMS

Work/Study is open to the public however the following items are scheduled for discussion only. The Public Body will be briefed by staff and other Town representatives. There will be no votes and no final action taken on discussion items. The Public Body may give direction to staff and request that items be scheduled for consideration and final action at a later date. The order of discussion items and the estimated time scheduled to hear each item is subject to change.

| A. | $\underline{21-315}$ | Discussion of Proposed Zoning Ordinance regarding regulations <br> for Walls, View Fences and Combination View Fences |
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| $\underline{\text { Staff Contact: }}$ | Lisa Collins, 480-348-3522 |  |
|  | $\underline{\text { Attachments: }}$ | $\underline{100521 \text { Walls and Fences PC WS }}$ |

## 5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Public Body may take action on this item.

| A. | $\underline{21-316}$ | Consideration of Proposed Zoning Ordinance regarding regulations <br> for Walls, View Fences and Combination View Fences |
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| $\underline{\text { Staff Contact: }}$ | Lisa Collins, 480-348-3522 |  |
| $\underline{\text { Attachments: }}$ | Staff Report |  |
|  | Presentation |  |
|  | $\underline{\text { Draft Ordinance - Staff Recommendation }}$ |  |
|  | Planning Commission - Recommended Ordinance |  |

## 6. ACTION ITEMS

The Public Body may take action on this item.

## 7. CONSENT AGENDA

All items on the Consent Agenda are considered by the Public Body to be routine and will be enacted by a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If a Commissioner or member of the public desires discussion on any item it will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

## 8. STAFF REPORTS

## 9. PUBLIC BODY REPORTS

## 10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

## AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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## Action Report

File \#: 21-315

## AGENDA TITLE:

Discussion of Proposed Zoning Ordinance regarding regulations for Walls, View Fences and Combination View Fences

## STAFF CONTACT:

# PARADISE VALLEY 

## STAFF REPORT

## TO: Chair and Planning Commission Members

FROM: Lisa Collins, Community Development Director
DATE: October 5, 2021

## AGENDA TITLE:

Discussion of Regulations for Walls / View Fences / Combination View Fences
RECOMMENDATION:
Information and discussion on the proposed text amendment.

## SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The proposed text amendment for Wall and Fences has been reviewed by the Planning Commission and has received input. This item is on the Planning Commission agenda for action this evening, October 5, 2021

## Action Report

File \#: 21-316

## AGENDA TITLE:

Consideration of Proposed Zoning Ordinance regarding regulations for Walls, View Fences and Combination View Fences

## STAFF CONTACT:

## STAFF REPORT

## TO: Chair and Planning Commission Members

## FROM: Lisa Collins, Community Development Director

DATE: October 5, 2021

## AGENDA TITLE:

## Discussion of Regulations for Walls / View Fences / Combination View Fences RECOMMENDATION:

A recommendation from the Planning Commission on the proposed text amendment is required.

## SUMMARY STATEMENT:

At a Town Council Study Session on January 28, 2021, staff presented current code requirements for walls and fences on single-family properties. The discussion was prompted by a situation where a corner lot was tied to an adjacent lot and the existing house on the corner lot was redeveloped resulting in confusion over the front and side yard designations.

This resulted in a discussion to analyze the code and provide a possible amendment that would result in consistent setbacks for front and side yards.

The Council directed staff to proceed with a process to draft a text amendment to review with the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission reviewed the proposed amendment and provided input and comments on June 1, July 20, August 3 and August 17.

## DISCUSSION:

Walls and fences are currently allowed based on height and adjacency to street classifications. Residential lots along Major Arterials are allowed higher fences close to the street. While residential lots on all other streets are required a greater setback and a lower wall or fence.

This proposal would differentiate between Local Streets and all others, allowing fencing that provides more privacy and security on not only Major Arterials, but also Minor Arterials and Collectors. The regulations for Local Streets would not change.
In 2016, the code regulating walls and fences was amended to allow a new fence type called a "Combination View Fence". The Combination View Fence is part solid Wall

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## STAFF REPORT

and part View Fence. A Combination View Fence was allowed closer to the street than a traditional solid wall, but setback more than a View Fence. This new fence/wall type was put in place to provide greater use of the front yard and to provide security.

Where walls and fences provide security, landscape hedges are commonly used in front and side yards to provide privacy. Landscape hedges are allowed in front and side yard areas between the right-of-way/property lines and building setbacks. However, View Fences and Combination View Fences are not allowed in this same location. While a hedge is allowed along the right-of-way or property line, a View Fence and Combination View Fence is only allowed at a 20 -foot setback. The proposed change would allow a View Fence and Combination View Fence at a 10-foot setback.

At previous Planning Commission Study Sessions, staff was asked to provide additional information on the Town Code regulations for landscaping.

The Town Code does not require landscaping for individual residential properties. However, if landscaping is provided, it must meet safety related requirements if located in the right-of-way. This area MAY be landscaped but is not required to be landscaped.

A hedge maintenance agreement is currently required when a View Fence or Combination View Fence is permitted. This agreement is a recorded document that requires hedge type landscape materials to meet code requirements.

The Town Code does mandate landscaping requirements for non-residential uses such as resort development, retail, and office developments. These developments must also adhere to the landscaping in rights-of-way regulations.

## NEXT STEPS:

This proposed ordinance is an amendment to the zoning ordinance which requires a formal recommendation by the Planning Commission. The Town Council will make a final decision on the ordinance amendment.

## ATTACHMENTS:

A. Staff Report
B. Presentation
C. Draft Ordinance - Staff Recommendation
D. Planning Commission - Recommended Ordinance

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Discussion on amendment on walls and fences

- Recommendation to Council on Proposed Text Amendment
- Follow up discussion on Fence Hedge Maintenance Agreement


## Proposed Text Amendment:

## Setback reductions:

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\ Major Arterials - Combination View
    Fence
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$\checkmark$ Minor Arterials - View Fence and
Combination View Fence
$\checkmark 20$ to 10 feet
$\checkmark$ Collectors - View Fence and Combination View Fence $\checkmark 20$ to 10 feet

$\checkmark$ Local Streets $\checkmark$ No change



## Planning Commission Proposed Text Amendment:

Setback reductions:

$\checkmark$ Major Arterials - Combination View Fence $\checkmark 20$ to 15 feet
$\checkmark$ Minor Arterials - Allow meandering wall $\checkmark 30 \mathrm{ft}$ average setback
$\checkmark$ Collectors
$\checkmark$ No change

## $\checkmark$ Local Streets <br> $\checkmark$ No change

| STREET TYPE | WALL/FENCE TYPE - SETBACK \& HEIGHT |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ***VIEW FENCE | **MEANDERING <br> WALL | ***COMBINATION <br> VIEW FENCE | **ANY OTHER WALL OR FENCE |
| MAJOR ARTERIAL <br> Front/Side/Rear | 10 ft min. setback; <br> 8 ft height | 15 ft avg setback; <br> 8 ft height | 2015 ft min . setback; 8 ft height | 10 ft min. setback; 3 ft height 20 ft min. setback; 8 ft height |
| MINOR <br> ARTERIAL <br> Front | 20 ft min. setback; <br> 6 ft height | 30 ft avg setback 6 ft height | 20 ft min. setback; 6 ft height | 10 ft min. setback; 3 ft height <br> -40 ft min. setback; 6 ft height |
| Side or Rear | $10 \mathrm{ft} \mathrm{min}. \mathrm{setback;}$ <br> 6 feet height | 15 ft avg. setback; <br> 6 ft height | 10 ft min. setback; <br> 3 ft height <br> 20 ft min. setback; <br> 6 ft height | 10 ft min. setback; 3 ft height 20 ft min. setback; 6 ft height |
| COLLECTOR <br> Front | 20 ft min. setback; <br> 6 ft height | NA | 20 ft min. setback <br> 6 ft height | 10 ft min. setback; 3 ft height 40 ft min. setback; 6 ft height |
| Side or Rear | 10 ft min. setback; <br> 6 ft height | 15 ft avg setback; 6 ft height | 10 ft min. setback; 3 ft height 20 ft min . setback; 6 ft height | 10 ft min. setback; 3 ft height 20 ft min. setback; 6 ft height |
| LOCAL |  |  |  |  |
| Front | 20 ft min. setback; 6 ft height | NA | 20 ft min. setback 6 ft height | 10 ft min. setback; 3 ft height 40 ft min. setback; 6 ft height |
| Side or Rear | 10 ft min. setback; 6 ft height | 15 ft avg setback; 6 ft height | 10 ft min. setback; <br> 3 ft height <br> 20 ft min. setback; <br> 6 ft height | 10 ft min. setback; 3 ft height 20 ft min. setback; 6 ft height |

## Fence Hedge Maintenance Agreements

## Current Code Requirements

Properties that contain view fencing or combination view fencing over $3^{\prime}$ in height and between 20' and 40' of the front yard setback may not also contain hedges over $3^{\prime}$ in height in the front yard or in any unpaved sections of right-of-way and must have a hedge maintenance agreement executed and recorded prior to the issuance of a building permit for the combination view fencing.

## Fence Hedge Maintenance Agreements

## Current Code Requirements

The maintenance of the hedge is the responsibility of the property owner. The hedge maintenance agreement shall:
(a) Be in a form acceptable to the Town Manager or Designee,
(b) Grant the Town easement rights and a right of entry in, over, and across the Hedge and Landscape Area for purposes of complying with this section,
(c) Specify that the maintenance responsibility for the Hedge and Landscape Area remains private,
(d) Be recorded in the Maricopa County Recorder's office, and
(e) Specify that the property owner shall maintain the hedge within the Hedge and Landscape Area in compliance with all applicable Town codes.

# Town Council Public Hearing on Walls and Fences Proposed Ordinance Amendment 

| STREET TYPE | WALL/FENCE TYPE - SETBACK \& HEIGHT |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\xrightarrow{* * * \text { VIEW FENCE }}$ | $\frac{* * \text { MEANDERING }}{\text { WALL }}$ | ***COMBINATION <br> VIEW FENCE | **ANY OTHER WALL OR <br> FENCE |
| MAJOR <br> ARTERIAL <br> Front/Side/Rear | 10 ft min. setback; <br> 8 ft height | 15 ft avg setback; <br> 8 ft height | 2010 ft min. setback; 8 ft height | 10 ft min. setback; 3 ft height 20 ft min. setback; 8 ft height |
| MINOR <br> ARTERIAL <br> Front | 2010 ft min. setback; <br> 6 ft height | NA | 2010 ft min. setback; 6 ft height | 10 ft min. setback; 3 ft height <br> *40 ft min. setback; 6 ft height |
| Side or Rear | 10 ft min. setback; <br> 6 feet height | 15 ft avg. setback; <br> 6 ft height | 10 ft min . setback; <br> 3 ft height <br> 20 ft min. setback; <br> 6 ft height | 10 ft min. setback; 3 ft height 20 ft min. setback; 6 ft height |
| COLLECTOR <br> Front | 2010 ft min. setback; <br> 6 ft height | NA | 2010 ft min. setback <br> 6 ft height | 10 ft min. setback; 3 ft height 40 ft min. setback; 6 ft height |
| Side or Rear | 10 ft min. setback; <br> 6 ft height | 15 ft avg setback; <br> 6 ft height | 10 ft min. setback; <br> 3 ft height <br> 20 ft min. setback; <br> 6 ft height | 10 ft min . setback; 3 ft height 20 ft min. setback; 6 ft height |
| LOCAL |  |  |  |  |
| Front | 20 ft min. setback; <br> 6 ft height | NA | 20 ft min. setback <br> 6 ft height | 10 ft min. setback; 3 ft height $40 \mathrm{ft} \mathrm{min}. \mathrm{setback;} 6 \mathrm{ft}$ height |
| Side or Rear | 10 ft min. setback; <br> 6 ft height | 15 ft avg setback; <br> 6 ft height | 10 ft min. setback; <br> 3 ft height <br> 20 ft min. setback; <br> 6 ft height | 10 ft min. setback; 3 ft height $20 \mathrm{ft} \mathrm{min}. \mathrm{setback;} 6 \mathrm{ft}$ height |

Note: All wall/fence types may be constructed on interior side and rear yards with no setbacks and 6 ft maximum height when adjoining residential property and 8 ft maximum height when adjoining non-residential property

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Article XXIV. WALLS AND FENCES ${ }^{121} 133135171306325$ Repealed and Replaced by 534 559654 2016-07

Section 2401. Intent:
The Town of Paradise Valley encourages visual openness and the preservation of the natural environment. Walls and fences are inconsistent with this intent, but may be desired by residents for safety, noise abatement, and/or security. When walls and fences are necessary, the Town requires that such walls and fences meet the criteria set forth in this Article.

## Section 2402. Definitions:

Combination View Fence -A combination view fence (including gates) is a freestanding, upright structure that meets this Section's definition for "view fence" for at least $50 \%$ of the height of the structure and meets this Section's definition for "wall" for the remaining portion. The portion of the Combination View Fence meeting the definition of "view fence" must be positioned above the portion meeting the definition of "wall."

Hedge - Dense planting of shrubs, bushes, or any kind of plant designed, installed, maintained, and planted in line or in groups that form a compact, dense, living barrier that protects, shields, separates, or demarcates an area from view.

Hedge and Landscape Area - The area between the back of curb or edge of asphalt and the front building setback line of the primary residence.

Wall - A wall or fence (including gates) is a freestanding, upright structure, other than plant material, constructed of barriers to enclose, divide, delineate, screen, retain water or earth, or protect an area. The term wall shall include all fences, except a view fence and combination view fence as defined IN THIS SECTION. above.

View Fence - A view fence (including gates) is a free-standing, upright structure, constructed with openings between the materials used for construction of the fence, where the openings represent at least 70 percent of the total fence surface area.

Meandering Wall - A meandering wall is a wall providing significant variations in setback. Meandering walls may consist of curvilinear, square, rectangular, triangular, or freeform design patterns and shall meet the criteria set forth in Tables 2404 A and B in addition to other criteria specified in this article.

Yard, Front - A front yard is the area between the right-of-way line and the front building setback line.

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Section 2403. Wall Finishes: ${ }^{6542016-07}$
Any wall visible from adjoining properties, adjacent rights-of-way, and/or open space areas shall consist of finished materials such as stucco, brick, stone, metal, rails, wood, or tile.

## a. Walls Adjacent to Rights-of-Way and Open Spaces.

When such wall is adjacent to or visible from a right-of-way and/or open space area, it shall complement the architectural character of the main house, and shall have a finish texture, color, and material on the exterior side that is compatible with the primary building on-site, or as determined by the Town. The minimum standard for a wall finish shall be stucco and paint.

## b. Walls Adjacent to Adjoining Properties.

When such wall is adjacent to an adjoining property, the wall shall be finished on the exterior side. The minimum standard for a wall finish shall be stucco and paint.

## EXCEPTIONS:

1. The side of the wall facing the adjoining property may be finished with such materials and colors as agreed upon by the property owner and adjoining property owner. If the property owners cannot agree on the type of finish, the minimum standard for the wall finish shall be stucco and paint.
2. If the owner of adjoining property grants no reasonable access to the applicant to finish the side of the wall facing the adjoining property, the applicant will be relieved of any obligation to improve that side of the property wall. At least two (2) attempts shall be made to try to contact the adjoining property owner. The minimum standard of notification shall be a written letter sent via certified mailed to the owner at his last known address by certified mail, or the address to which the tax bill for the property was last mailed.

Section 2404. Height and Setback Regulations: 135171559654 2016-07
a. Height Regulations

1. In General.

The height of walls, view fences, and combination view fences shall be measured vertically from the finished grade on the exterior side of the wall or view fence. Raising the finished grade by placing fill solely for the purpose of adding additional height to a wall, view fence or combination view fence is prohibited. If a wall, view fence or

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combination view fence is placed on a berm, the height shall be measured vertically from the base of the berm.
2. Adjoining Local, Collector, and Minor Arterial Streets.

The maximum height of a wall, view fence or combination view fence, including the berm, adjoining a lecal, collector, and miner street shall not exceed six (6) feet, further provided that no portion of a wall or fence located between the ten-(10) foot and forty(40) foot front yard setback shall exceed three (3) feet, except for view fencing and combination view fencing, which may extend up to six (6) feet at a front yard setback of twenty (20) feet or greater, and except for entry gates and columns as permitted under Section 2413. See Table 2404A for additional criteria.

## 3. Adjoining Major Arterial Streets.

The maximum height of a wall, view fence and combination view fence, including the berm, adjoining a major arterial street shall not exceed eight (8) feet. The maximum exposed vertical wall or view fence element from the exterior side of the property shall be no more than six (6) feet, except for a single entry gate and columns as permitted under Section 2413. See Table 2404A for additional criteria.

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The maximum height of a wall, view fence and combination view fence, including the berm, between a residential property and an adjoining non-residential property, other than a right-of-way, shall not exceed eight (8) feet. When such a wall is adjoining or visiblefrom a right-of-way and/or open space area, it shall complement the architectural character of the main house, and shall have a finish texture, color, and material on bothsides compatible with the primary building on-site, or as determined by the town. See Table 2404A for additional criteria.
b. Setbacks Regulations

## 1. IN GENERAL.

## I. HEIGHT REGULATIONS.

A. THE HEIGHT OF WALLS, VIEW FENCES, AND COMBINATION VIEW FENCES SHALL BE MEASURED VERTICALLY FROM THE FINISHED GRADE ON THE EXTERIOR SIDE OF THE WALLOR VIEW FENCE. RAISING THE FINISHED GRADE BY PLACING FILL SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING ADDITIONAL HEIGHT TO A WALL, VIEW FENCE OR COMBINATION VIEW FENCE IS PROHIBITED. IF A WALL, VIEW FENCE OR COMBINATION VIEW FENCE IS PLACED ON A BERM, THE HEIGHT SHALL BE MEASURED VERTICALLY FROM THE BASE OF THE BERM.

| SETBACKS FOR A WALL, VIEW FENCE OR COMBINATIO |  |
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|  | CE WILL VARY DEPENDING ON WHETHER IT |
| ADJOINING A RIGHT-OF-WAY OR OTHER PROPERTY; B) |  |
| ADJOINING A MAJOR ARTERIAL OR OTHER STREET |  |
| CLASSIFICATION; C) LOCATED IN THE FRONT YARD OR |  |
| OTHER SIDES OF THE LOT; D) CONSIDERED A WALL OR A |  |
| VIEW FENCE; E) MEANDERING AND BASED ON THE AMOUNT |  |
| OF MEANDER UTILIZED IN THE WALL'S CONSTRUCTION OR |  |
| F) MEETS THE CRITERIA FOR COMBINATION VIEW FENCING |  |
| SET FORTH IN SECTION 2402. WALLS, VIEW FENCES OR |  |
| COMBINATION VIEW FENCING NOT ADJOINING A PUBLIC OR |  |
| PRIVATE RIGHT-OF-WAY MAY BE BUILT AT OR ON THE |  |
| PROPERTY LINES WITH NO SETBACK REQUIREMENT. SEE |  |
| TABLE 2404A AND B FOR ADDITIONAL CRITERIA. |  |

2. *ADJOINING LOCAL, COLLECTOR, AND MINOR ARTERIAL STREETS.
A. WALLS LOCATED IN THE FRONT YARD OF A LOT ADJOINING LOCAL, COLLECTOR, OR MINOR ARTERIAL STREETS THAT ARE THREE (3) FEET IN HEIGHT OR LESS SHALL BE SETBACK AT LEAST TEN (10) FEET FROM THE RIGHT-OF-WAY PROPERTY LINE, EXCEPT FOR THE AREA ALLOTTED TO AN ENTRY GATE, AS PERMITTED UNDER SECTION 2413, MAY BE GREATER THAN THE THREE-FOOT HEIGHT LIMITATION.
B. WALLS LOCATED IN THE FRONT YARD OF A LOT ADJOINING LOCAL, COLLECTOR, OR MINOR ARTERIAL STREETS THAT EXCEED THREE (3) FEET IN HEIGHT SHALL BE SETBACK AT LEAST FORTY (40) FEET FROM THE RIGHT-OF-WAY PROPERTY LINE.
C. VIEW FENCES OR COMBINATION VIEW- FENCES LOCATED IN THE FRONT YARD OF A LOT ADJOINING LOCAL STREETS THAT ARE SIX (6) FEET IN HEIGHT OR LESS SHALL BE SETBACK AT LEAST TWENTY (20) FEET FROM THE RIGHT-OF-WAY PROPERTY LINE.
D. MEANDERING WALLS IN THE FRONT YARD OF A LOT ADJOINING MINOR ARTERIALS STREETS THAT EXCEED 3 FEET IN HEIGHT SHALL BE SETBACK AN AVERAGE OF THIRTY (30) FEET FROM THE RIGHT-OF-WAY PROPERTY LINE.
E. WALLS LOCATED IN THE SIDE OR REAR YARD OF A LOT ADJOINING LOCAL-STREETS, THREE (3) FEET IN HEIGHT OR LESS, SHALL BE SETBACK AT LEAST TEN (10) FEET FROM THE RIGHT-OF-WAY PROPERTY LINE.
F. WALLS LOCATED IN THE REAR OR SIDE YARD OF A LOT ADJOINING LOCAL STREETS THAT EXCEED (3) THREE FEET IN HEIGHT, SHALL BE SETBACK AT LEAST TWENTY (20) FEET FROM THE RIGHT-OFWAY PROPERTY LINE; HOWEVER, A VIEW FENCE MAY BE

## 3. ADJOINING MAJOR ARTERIAL STREETS.


#### Abstract

WALLS EXCEEDING THREE (3) FEET IN HEIGHT THAT ADJOIN MAJOR ARTERIAL STREETS SHALL BE SETBACK AT LEAST TWENTY (20) FEET FROM THE RIGHT-OF-WAY PROPERTY LINE; HOWEVER, A VIEW FENCE OR COMBINATION VIEW FENCE MAY BE CONSTRUCTED AT A FIFTEEN (15) FOOT SETBACK OR A MEANDERING WALL MAY BE CONSTRUCTED AT AN AVERAGE FIFTEEN (15) FOOT SETBACK PROVIDED THEY MEET THE CRITERIA SET FORTH IN THIS ARTICLE AND TABLE 2404 A. WALLS THREE (3) FEET IN HEIGHT OR LESS MAY BE CONSTRUCTED AT THE TEN (10) FOOT SETBACK. SEE TABLE 2404A FOR ADDITIONAL CRITERIA.


4. Additional Criteria for Meandering Walls.

Meandering walls shall maintain an average setback of not less than fifteen (15) feet, said average to be determined by comparing the area between the ten (10) and the fifteen (15) foot setback area (noted as Area "A" on Figures 2404-A through -C) with the area encroaching between the fifteen (15) and the twenty (20) foot setback area (noted as Area "B" on Figures 2404-A through -C) such that the area located between the ten (10) and the fifteen (15) foot setback area shall be equal to or less than the area located between the fifteen (15) and twenty (20) foot setback area. Walls that have no significant meander and that are configured to meet the criteria set forth herein solely for the purpose of moving to a fifteen (15) foot setback are impermissible. See Tables 2404A and 2404B for additional criteria.

Table 2404A summarizes many of the regulations relating to height and setback regulations for walls, meandering walls, view fences, and combination view fences; and sets forth additional criteria related to these structures. Table 2404B sets forth additional criteria for meandering walls.

## d. Additional Criteria for View Fences and Combination View Fences.

Properties that contain view fencing or combination view fencing over 3' in height and between $20^{\prime}$ and $40^{\prime}$ of the front yard setback may not also contain hedges over $3^{\prime}$ in height in the front yard or in any unpaved sections of right-of-way and must have a hedge maintenance agreement executed and recorded prior to the issuance of a building permit for the combination view fencing. The maintenance of the hedge is the responsibility of the property owner. The hedge maintenance agreement shall:
(a) Be in a form acceptable to the Town Manager or Designee,
(b) Grant the Town easement rights and a right of entry in, over, and
across the Hedge and Landscape Area for purposes of complying with this section,
(c) Specify that the maintenance responsibility for the Hedge and Landscape Area remains private,
(d) Be recorded in the Maricopa County Recorder's office, and
(e) Specify that the property owner shall maintain the hedge within the Hedge and Landscape Area in compliance with all applicable Town codes.

## PLANNING COMMISSION - RECOMMENDATIONS

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TABLE 2404A - ALL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS SETBACK AND HEIGHT REGULATIONS FOR WALLS/VIEW FENCES/COMBINATION VIEW FENCES

| STREET TYPE | WALL/FENCE TYPE - SETBACK \& HEIGHT |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline \frac{* * * V I E W}{} \\ \hline \text { FENCE } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { **MEANDERING } \\ & \text { WALL } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { ***COMBINATION } \\ \hline \text { VIEW FENCE } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { **ANY OTHER WALL OR } \\ & \hline \text { FENCE } \end{aligned}$ |
| MAIOR ARTERIAL <br> FRONT/SIDE/REAR | $\begin{aligned} & 10 \text { FT MIN. } \\ & \text { SETBACK; } \\ & 8 \text { FT HEIGHT } \end{aligned}$ | 15 FT AVG SETBACK: <br> 8 FT HEIGHT | $\begin{aligned} & 2015 \mathrm{FT} \text { MIN. } \\ & \begin{array}{l} \text { SETBACK } \\ \text { 8FTHEIGTI } \end{array} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 10 FT MIN. SETBACK; 3 FT HEIGHT 20 FT MIN. SETBACK; 8 FT HEIGHT |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 20 FT MIN. } \\ & \text { SETBACK; } \\ & \text { 6FT HEIGHT } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { NA } \\ & \text { 30 FT AVG SETBACK } \\ & \underline{6 \text { FT HEIGHT }} \end{aligned}$ | 20 FT MIN. SETBACK: 6FT HEIGHT | 10 FT MIN. SETBACK; 3 FT HEIGHT -40 FT MIN. SETBACK; 6 FT HEIGHT |
| SIDE OR REAR | $\begin{aligned} & 10 \mathrm{FT} \text { MIN. } \\ & \begin{array}{l} \text { SETBACK } \end{array} \\ & \hline \text { 6FEET HEIGHT T } \end{aligned}$ | 15 FT AVG. SETBACK: 6 6FTEIGHT | $\begin{aligned} & 10 \text { FT MIN. SETBACK: } \\ & \text { 3FT HEIGHT } \\ & \text { 20FT MIN. SETBACK; } \\ & \text { 6FT HEIGHT } \end{aligned}$ | 10 FT MIN. SETBACK; 3 FT HEIGHT 20 FT MIN. SETBACK; 6 FT HEIGHT |
| COLLECTOR <br> FRONT | 20 FT MIN. SETBACK; 6FTHEIGHT | NA | 20 FT MIN. SETBACK 6 FT HEIGHT | 10 FT MIN. SETBACK; 3 FT HEIGHT 40 FT MIN. SETBACK; 6 FT HEIGHT |
| SIDE OR REAR | $\begin{aligned} & 10 \text { FT MIN. } \\ & \text { SETBACK: } \\ & \text { 6FT HEIGHT } \end{aligned}$ | 15 FT AVG SETBACK: 6FT HEIGHT | $\begin{aligned} & 10 \mathrm{FT} \text { MIN. SETBACK; } \\ & \text { 3FT HEIGHT } \\ & \text { 20 FT MIN. SETBACK; } \\ & 6 \mathrm{FT} \text { HEIGHT } \end{aligned}$ | 10 FT MIN. SETBACK; 3 FT HEIGHT 20 FT MIN. SETBACK; 6 FT HEIGHT |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { LOCAL } \\ & \text { ERONT } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 20 FT MIN. } \\ & \text { SETBACK; } \\ & \text { 6FT HEIGHT } \end{aligned}$ | NA | 20 FT MIN. SETBACK 6FT HEIGHT | 10 FT MIN. SETBACK; 3 FT HEIGHT 40 FT MIN. SETBACK; 6 FT HEIGHT |
| SIDE OR REAR | $\begin{aligned} & \frac{10 \mathrm{FT} \text { MIN. }}{\text { SETBACK: }} \\ & \begin{array}{l} \text { SET HEIGHT } \end{array} \\ & \hline \text { 6FT } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 15 \text { FT AVG SETBACK; } \\ & 6 \text { FT HEIGHT } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 10 FT MIN. SETBACK; } \\ & \text { 3FT HEIGHT } \\ & \text { 20FT MIN. SETBACK; } \\ & \text { 6FT HEIGHI } \end{aligned}$ | 10 FT MIN. SETBACK; 3 FT HEIGHT 20 FT MIN. SETBACK; 6 FT HEIGHT |
| NOTE: ALL WALL/FENCE TYPES MAY BE CONSTRUCTED ON INTERIOR SIDE AND REAR YARDS WITH NO SETBACKS AND 6 FT MAXIMUM HEIGHT WHEN ADJOINING RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY AND 8 FT MAXIMUM HEIGHT WHEN ADJOINING NONRESIDENTIAL PROPERTY |  |  |  |  |


| FRONTYARD ALONG RIGHTS-OF-WAY |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| STREET TYPE | TYPE OF WALL OR FENCE | SETBACK FROMPROPERTY LINE, FEET | МАХНМUМ НЕІGНT, FEET |
| Major | View Fence | 10, Minimmm | **8, including berm |
|  | Meandering Wall | 15, Average | **8, including berm |
|  | All Others | 20, Minimum | **8, including berm |
|  | Any | 10, Minimum | 3 |
| Local, Collector, Min@r | Any | 10, Minimum | 3 |
|  | View Fence/Combination <br> View Fence | ***20, Minimum (Landscape Restrictions with Maintenance Requirements) | 6 |
|  | All Others | *40, Minimmm | 6 |
|  |  |  |  |
| SIDE OR REARYARD ALONG RIGHTS-OF-WAY |  |  |  |
| Major | View Fence | 10, Minimum | **8, including berm |
|  | Meandering Wall | 15, Average | **8, including berm |
|  | All Others | 20, Minimum | **8, including berm |
|  | Any | 10, Minimum | 3 |
| Local, Collector, Miner | View Fence | 10, Minimum | 6 |
|  | Meandering Wall | 15, Average | 6 |
|  | All Others | 20, Minimum | 6 |
|  | Any | 10, Minimmm | 3 |
| SHPE OR REAR YARD INTERIOR (not along any right-of way) |  |  |  |
| Not applicable | Any | None Required | 6 |
| SIDE OR REAR YARD INTERIOR (adjoining non-residential property other than a right-of way) |  |  |  |
| Not applicable | Any | None Required | **8, including berm |

* In R-18A Zoning Districts, the front yard setback along local, collector, or minor streets is minimum 35 feet.
In R-10 Zoning Districts, the front yard setback along local, collector, or minor streets is minimum 20 feet, or as shown on the recorded plat, or as existing at the


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time of annexation. The setbacks shown on the recorded plat take precedence. If there are no setbacks shown on the recorded plat, the applicant shall choose a setback of 20 feet or a setback as existing at time of annexation. Reference Table 2404A for R-10 Zoning District side and rear yard setbacks.
** Refer to Section 2404(a) for details
*** Refer to Section 2404.d for landscape restrictions.

TABLE 2404B - ADDITIONAL MEANDERING WALLS CRITERIA

| Minimum setback from property line | 10 feet |
| :--- | :--- |
| Minimum variation offset from average setback | 4 feet |
| Maximum length of any single section meandering <br> between the 10' and 20' setback | $15 \%$ of total wall length |
| Maximum setback area allowed in determining <br> meandering setback | 20 feet |

FIGURE 2404 - MEANDERING WALLS



_- - - - - Right-of-way ${ }^{*}-$ - - - - -

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Section 2405 Stacking: ${ }^{654}$
Stacking of no more than two (2) walls on any single lot may be permitted, provided there shall be a minimum of 3 foot separation between the walls, and the space between the walls shall include appropriate and adequate vegetation to substantially minimize the visual impact of the combined walls. The landscaped area shall be maintained at all times in conformance with the Town's Landscape Guidelines. (see Figure 2405). The combined fence wall height shall not exceed six (6) feet. This stacking requirement applies only to walls adjoining rights-of-way and/or stacked walls that are visible from off the property.

## FIGURE 2405-STACKING OF WALLS



## Section 2406. Landscaping:

Each property owner shall be responsible for landscaping the land located between the edge of road pavement, including any unpaved right-of-way, and the wall or fence. The landscaped area shall be maintained at all times in conformance with the Town's Landscape Guidelines.

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Section 2407. Retaining Walls:
a.

Retaining walls shall only be used for the purpose of containing fill material or for minimizing cut or fill slopes.
b. The maximum height of any retaining wall shall not be more than six (6) feet. The height of a retaining wall is measured from the low side of natural grade to the top of the wall whether the top is retaining earth or not.

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c.

A terraced combination of retaining walls may be allowed and shall be measured as a single retaining wall; however, the combined walls shall be: 1) no more than eight (8) feet total vertical height; 2 ) terraced with a minimum distance of ten (10) feet and a maximum separation of fifteen (15) feet; and 3) contain appropriate vegetation between the walls so as to soften the visual impact of the combined walls (see Figure 2407).
d.

When a safety fence, on top of a retaining wall, is required by code, it shall be a view fence ( $80 \%$ open), shall be finished to blend with surrounding natural colors, and shall be the minimum height required by the Town Code. The building code requires a safety fence only when there is a walking surface at the upper level.
e. Where retaining walls are provided, they shall meet all of the requirements of Section 2403 - Material and Texture of this Article.
f.

Where retaining walls are provided, they shall meet the setback requirements of Section 2404, Height and Setback Regulations, unless deemed necessary by the Town Engineer and the Community Development Director to prevent erosion. Placing fill solely for the purpose of obtaining a decreased wall setback shall be prohibited.
g.

Fence walls may be located on top of the retaining material provided:

1. View fences placed on top of the retaining wall fill shall maintain a minimum separation of five (5) feet from the top of the retaining wall; and
2. All other fence walls placed on top of the retaining wall fill shall maintain a minimum separation of ten (10) feet from the top of the retaining wall; and
3. The combined walls shall be measured as one single wall and shall be not exceed a total vertical height of eight (8) feet, measured from the low side of natural grade to the top of the wall. Exceptions may apply to pool barriers (the pool barrier must be a view fence when the combined height exceeds 8 feet);
4. These separation requirements apply to any single lot and do not apply to adjoining walls on neighboring properties; and
5. Placing fill solely for the purpose of obtaining an increased wall height shall be prohibited.

FIGURE 2407 -TERRACED VERTICAL RETAINING WALLS


Section 2408. Subdivision Walls and View Fences. ${ }^{559}$
a. New subdivision walls and view fences that are not pre-existing (as defined below) and are constructed after January 2004, shall conform to the provisions of this article.
b. Pre-existing subdivision walls or view fences are subdivision perimeter walls or view fences located within forty (40) feet of the exterior property line of a platted subdivision or lot split that may, and typically do, run in general alignment with the property line along a public or private road and that are constructed before January 2004. A pre-existing subdivision perimeter wall or view fence need not extend the entire length of the perimeter to be considered a perimeter wall or view fence.
c. The terms of Section 6-3-12 of the Paradise Valley Town Code shall apply in all areas.
d. Location, height, setback, and design of subdivision perimeter walls or view fences shall be part of the approved final plat.

Section 2409. Corner Vision:

Refer to Section 8-1-13 of Chapter 8 - Safety, Health, Sanitation and Nuisance - of the Town Code for the corner vision criteria.

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Section 2410. Mechanical Equipment Screening: 559
Mechanical equipment shall be fully screened from view. Walls may be used to screen mechanical equipment. Such walls shall:
a. Be of a minimum height and length needed to screen the mechanical equipment;
b. Have a maximum height of no more than six (6) feet. Screen walls over 6 feet in height may be allowed to properly screen the mechanical equipment, provided:
i. Such walls meet the allowable setbacks and height of an accessory structure, and
ii. Screening area surrounded by screen walls is calculated as part of the allowable floor area;
c. Have an architectural texture, color, and material compatible with the primary building on-site;
d. Meet setback requirements as shown in Table 2404A.

Section 2411. Courtyard: ${ }^{654}$
A courtyard is a private landscaped outdoor living space adjoining the main house and enclosed by walls and / or portions of the main house. A courtyard may be constructed to enclose an outdoor living space, provided:
a. The courtyard walls shall meet all setback and height requirements for the building to which they are attached.
b. If any portion of the courtyard wall exceeds six (6) feet in height, the area enclosed by the courtyard walls shall be included in the calculation of the maximum $25 \%$ Floor Area Ratio (FAR) set forth in the Zoning Ordinance for residential properties. Accessory structures such as a fireplace, fountain, or doorway into the courtyard may exceed six (6) feet in height without causing the courtyard area to be included in the $25 \%$ FAR, as long as there are no more than two accessory structures located in the courtyard wall and the horizontal length of the accessory structures equal no more than $25 \%$ of the lineal feet of the total courtyard wall.
c. The courtyard walls shall be an integral part of the design of and have an architectural texture, color, and material compatible with the main building or house on-site.

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d. If a main house is designed in such a way that a courtyard is formed by the house itself on more than three sides, the courtyard area shall be included in the calculation of the maximum $25 \%$ FAR.
e. When a courtyard is not included in the $25 \%$ FAR calculation, all accessory structures located in the courtyard must comply with the accessory structure setback and height requirements outlined in Article X, Table 1001B of the zoning ordinance.

Section 2412. Wing Wall:

A wing wall is an architectural feature attached to the main house that extends beyond the exterior facades of the main house. The wing wall shall:
a. Meet all setback and height requirements for the main house;
b. Have an architectural texture, color, and material compatible with the main house on-site;
c. Not enclose any area.

Section 2413. Driveway Columns and Entry Gates: ${ }^{654}$
An increase in the height of the entry gates and associated columns at the driveway and pedestrian entrances may be permitted, provided:
a. Columns and entry gates located between the ten- (10) foot and the forty- (40) foot front yard setback may be allowed to exceed the three-foot maximum height, but in no event shall the height of the gate and its associated columns exceed six (6) feet. A transition maybe made from the top of the column to the three (3)-foot high wall, but the length of the horizontal transition shall not exceed the difference in the vertical height between the wall and the column or gate, whichever is greater.
b. Columns and entry gates at and beyond the forty- (40) foot front yard setback may be allowed to exceed the six-foot maximum height, but in no event shall the height of the gate and its associated columns exceed eight (8) feet. A transition may be made from the top of the column to the six (6)-foot high wall, but the length of the horizontal transition shall not exceed the difference in the vertical height between the wall and the column or gate, whichever is greater.
c. Reference Table 2404A for R-18A Zoning District and R-10 Zoning District front yard setback requirements.

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Section $2414 . \quad$ Tennis Courts ${ }^{564 a}$
Refer to Section 502(9), Tennis Courts, of Article V, (R-43), and Section 402(8), Tennis Courts, of Article IV, (R-175) Single-Family Residential District of the Zoning Ordinance for regulations relating to tennis courts. If the use of a tennis court is discontinued, the tennis court wall or fence shall be removed or brought into conformity with the provisions of this Article.

## Section 2415. Nonconformity: ${ }^{559}$

a. Wall and View Fence Height and Location.

With the exception of pre-existing subdivision walls and view fences, as defined in Section 2408 (b), any wall or view fence that is non-conforming due to its height or location within a required setback area shall be made to conform to the requirements of this Article when:

1. Approvals are granted for lot splits and subdivisions;
2. Permits are issued for a new house; or
3. Permits are issued for structural additions, or remodels, alterations, or repairs of an existing house, covered by a single or multiple building permits within a thirty six (36) month period that together involves structural addition of or demolition of more than fifty (50) percent of the original square footage of the main house.
4. Permits are issued for alterations, repair, or additions to such wall or view fence, covered by a single or multiple building permits within a thirty six (36) month period that together involves structural addition of or demolition of more than fifty (50) percent of the lineal feet of the wall or view fence.

## b. Wall Finish.

With the exception of pre-existing subdivision walls, as defined in Section 2408 (b), any non-conforming wall that is not finished on the side of the wall visible from any right-ofway or open space area shall be made to conform to the requirements of this Article when:

1. Approvals are granted for lot splits and subdivisions;
2. Permits are issued for a new house;

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3. Permits are issued for structural additions, or remodels, alterations, or repairs of an existing house:
i. covered by a single or multiple building permits within a thirty six (36) month period that together involves structural addition of or demolition of more than fifty (50) percent of the original square footage of the main house; or
ii. the cost of which, computed on the basis of accumulated costs over any consecutive twenty four (24) month period, exceeds $\$ 150,000$; or
4. Permits are issued for alterations or additions to such wall.
c. Side or Rear Wall Connections.

Side or rear wall or view fence connections to existing non-conforming walls and view fences and pre-existing subdivision walls and view fences may be placed within the twenty (20) foot setback area.

## Section $2416 \quad$ Prohibited Walls and Fences ${ }^{654}$

The following materials shall be prohibited in the construction or use with fences and walls as defined herein:

1. Razor wire;
2. Barbed wire;
3. Post and chain fences that are visible from off the property and/or are adjoining rights-of-way shall be prohibited, with the exception of a chain and associated posts which may only be used across a driveway.

## FOOTNOTE:

121 Ordinance \# 231 - 7/25/85
133 Ordinance \# 249 - 9/25/86
135 Ordinance \# 251 - 9/25/86
171 Ordinance \# 296 - 3/9/89
306 Ordinance \# 306 - 12/21/89
325 Ordinance \#325-10/29/91
508 Ordinance \# 508-10/26/00
534 Ordinance\# 534 - 01/22/04
559 Ordinance \# 559 - 06/09/05
564a Corrected for Scrivener's Error in Ordinance \#564 (Reorganization of Zoning Code)
654 Ordinance \#654-03/13/2014
Ordinance 2016-07-12/1/2016


[^0]:    * Major Arterial Roadway along the Front or Side or Rear Yard. Or, Local, Collector, or Minor Arterial Roadway along the Side or Rear Yard

