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CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 3435

AN ORDINANCE relating to fence height, and amending Bellevue City Code (Land Use Code) 20.20.400.

WHEREAS, it is desirable to provide for flexibility in the fence height allowed in a required front yard setback; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellevue has complied with the State Environmental Policy Act, and the City's Environmental Procedures Ordinance; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Bellevue City Code (Land Use Code) 20.20.400 is amended to read as follows:

20.20.400 Fences

A. General:

1. No fence may violate the sight obstruction restrictions at street intersections. (See Section 20.20.830.)
2. No fence may exceed 4'6" in height within a required front setback except as required by other sections of this Code, or as permitted by the Planning Director within thirty calendar days from the date of application through the Administrative Design Review Process, Section 20.30.475, and then only if --
  - a. The proposed fence will not cause or contribute to a hazardous traffic situation, and
  - b. The proposed fence is necessary to afford reasonable privacy or security to the subject property, and
  - c. The proposed fence is not out of character with development in the immediate vicinity of the subject property.
3. Any fence which exceeds 6' in height shall conform to the Uniform Building Code.
4. Height shall be measured from finished grade at the

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exterior side of the fence. No person may construct a berm upon which to build a fence unless the total height of the berm plus the fence does not exceed the maximum height allowable for the fence if the berm was not present.

- B. Barbed Wire: No barbed wire may be used in fencing along a property boundary except at the top of a 6' high solid or chain link fence.
- C. Electric Fences: Electric fences are not permitted in an "R" district, except where additional fencing or other barriers prevent access to the fence by small children on the adjacent property. Otherwise, electric fences are permitted provided they comply with the following requirements: (1) An electric fence using an interrupted flow of current at intervals of about 1 second on and 2 seconds off shall be limited to 2,000 volts at 17 milliamp, current; (2) An electric fence using continuous current shall be limited to 1,500 volts at 7 milliamp, current. All electric fences shall be posted with permanent signs a minimum of 36 square inches in area at intervals of 15' stating that the fence is electrified. Electric fences sold as a complete and assembled unit can be installed by an owner if the controlling elements of the installation are certified by an A.N.S.I. approved testing agency.
- D. Chain Link Security Fences: May be permitted within the front setback in CB, GC, or LI districts, or in commercial parking lots and storage areas, providing plans are approved by the Planning Department upon finding that the fence will not violate sight obstruction standards (20.20.830), nor stand in, or in front of, any required landscaping.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five days after its passage and legal publication.

PASSED by the City Council this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 1984, and

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signed in authentication of its passage this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November  
1984.

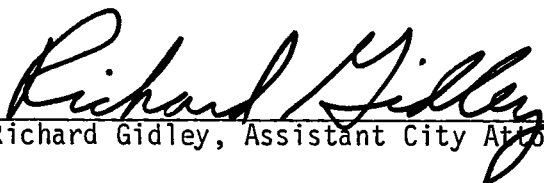
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Cary E. Bozeman, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Richard L. Andrews, City Attorney



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Attest:



Marie K. O'Connell, City Clerk

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