

# Fence Materials

Ordinance Amendment

# Current Code

- Allowed Materials

- Fences are to be constructed of customarily used materials such as chainlink, welded wire mesh, wrought iron, aluminum, wood, polyvinyl chloride (PVC), ornamental woven wire and other similar materials, unless specified otherwise herein.
- The use of materials such as sheet metal, chicken wire, temporary construction fencing, snow fencing, woven wire commonly used for the penning of livestock or other animals or similar materials shall not be permitted for permanent fencing. A fence shall not be constructed or covered with: paper sheets or strips; cloth or fabric tarps, sheets, or strips; plastic or vinyl tarps, sheets, mesh, or strips; bamboo; reed; or plywood sheeting. Chainlink or woven wire type fences shall not include plastic or wood slats or strips, bamboo, or reed. Wood fences shall be constructed of treated lumber, cedar, redwood, or similar types of wood that are resistant to decay.

# Problem

- In May 2019 staff were left with no choice but to issue a fence permit for a fence made of “welded wire”.
- “Fences are to be constructed of customarily used materials such as chainlink, **welded wire mesh**, wrought iron, aluminum, wood, polyvinyl chloride (PVC), ornamental woven wire and other similar materials”





# Installation



# Amendment to Remedy

- Permitted; With the exception of Temporary Fences as provided herein and fences internal to a property around the perimeter of a garden area, permanent fences are to be constructed of following customarily used materials:
  - Chain-link (except in office and commercial land use areas), wrought iron, aluminum, metal, wood as provide below, polyvinyl chloride (PVC), composite and other similar materials that are durable and can be installed in such a way as to provide a clean finished appearance.
    - Welded wire and other metal mesh materials of an architectural grade or which are of a thickness/gauge that does not easily bend and which holds a uniform shape, grid and/or pattern when vertical may be allowed with the proper attachment and/or framing .
- Prohibited: Permanent fences are not to be constructed of the following:
  - Metal wire or other mesh materials that are sold in rolls or can be folded or rolled, traditionally used for the penning of animals and which typically cannot be pulled taught without sag or sway, without framing. This should not be read to prohibit the use of the above materials for temporary fencing for the purpose of garden or animal enclosures interior to a property.



# Problem

- In May of 2020 staff was made aware of a poorly installed chain-link fence.
- Current code gives little direction on installation and the following on maintenance:
  - All fences shall be constructed in a sound and sturdy manner and shall be maintained in a good state of repair, including the replacement of defective parts, painting, and other acts required for maintenance.



# Installation





# Amendment to Remedy

- Construction and Maintenance: All fences shall be constructed in a sound and sturdy manner and shall be maintained in a good state of repair, including the replacement of defective parts, painting, and other acts required for maintenance, and be maintained in an upright and non-sagging manner.
- Permitted; With the exception of temporary fences as provided herein and fences internal to a property around the perimeter of a garden area, permanent fences are to be constructed of following customarily used materials:
  - Chain-link (except in office and commercial land use areas), wrought iron, aluminum, metal, wood as provide below, polyvinyl chloride (PVC), composite and other similar materials that are durable and can be installed in such a way as to provide a clean finished appearance.
  - Chain-link fence shall be installed to make a complete and uniform fencing system utilizing round metal posts, top rails, connectors, gates, or similar parts.



# Additional Amendment

- Any fence that conforms to neither A.1 or A.2. of this section, but are considered by the Director of Development Services, or his/her designee, to satisfy the spirit and intent of the ordinance may be approved at their discretion.
  - Allows for director to approve fence designs that are of sufficient quality and construction but are not anticipated by the ordinance