

3.10 Fencing and Retaining Walls

Fence Height

1. A fence *height* is measured from the top of the fence to the point where the fence post enters the ground or retaining wall.
2. On a *parcel* within *R zones* and *R3 zones*, no fence shall exceed a *height* of 1.3 m (4.3 ft.) in a *front setback* and *corner side setback*, and 2.0 m (6.6 ft.) in a *side setback* or *rear setback*.
3. No fence shall exceed a *height* of 2.0 m (6.6 ft.), except on a *parcel* in an A1, RU1, RU2, RU3, RU6, C4 or *I zone*, unless the fence is required by this bylaw for screening. Bylaw
871-204 &
871-232
4. On a *parcel* within *I zones* no fence shall exceed 2.5 m (8.2 ft) in *height*. Bylaw
871-125

Retaining Walls

5. No retaining wall shall be more than 2.5 m (8.2 ft.) high. Retaining walls shall not be closer than 2.0 m (6.6 ft.) apart.
6. The maximum *height* of a fence located on top of a retaining wall is 1.3 m (4.3 ft.).

Solid screen

7. A *solid screen* of not less than 2.0 m (6.6 ft.) high shall be provided and maintained along the boundary of a *parcel* within C and *I zones*, which contain *buildings* or *structures* and abut *R, R3* or *P zones*. Bylaw
871-25
8. A solid screen of not less than 2.0 m (6.6 ft.) high shall be provided and maintained around all outdoor storage areas in *C, I* and *P zones*. Bylaw
871-125
9. A *solid screen* of not less than 2.0 m (6.6 ft.) high shall be provided and maintained along the boundary of a *parcel* within *I zones* which contain *buildings* or *structures* and abut C2, C3, C5, C6, and C7 zones. Bylaw 871-125,
Bylaw 871-194 &
Bylaw 871-204

Park Boundary

10. 1.2 metre high black vinyl chain link fence shall be provided and maintained adjacent to boundary of a parcel with CD, R, RU and R3 zones, which abut a P zone. At the discretion of the Regional District of Central Okanagan, in consultation with the Director of Parks Services, the fencing requirement for 1.2 metre high black vinyl chain link fencing may be replaced with an approved alternative fencing material (such as triple rail farm fencing and page wire fencing) or waived where the RDCO has determined the surrounding environment and P zone does not require restricting public access and/or wildlife corridors.

[Note: The Ministry of Transportation and Highways requires a 6.1 m (20 ft.) sight triangle on corner *parcels* at any intersection. No fences or plants or any structures higher than 0.6 m (about 2 ft.) are permitted within the sight triangle. Consult the Ministry of Transportation and Highways for the regulations]

Prohibited Fence Materials

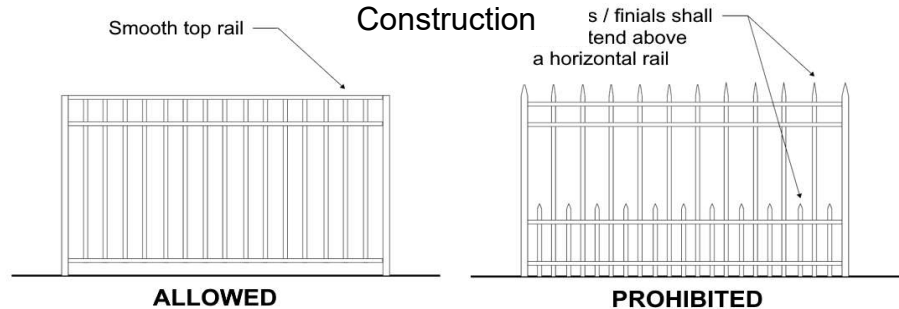
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11. Fences shall be built in accordance with the following regulations:

- a) No fence in an *R zone*, *R3 zone*, or *C zone* shall contain barbed wire, razor wire, electrified wire or unfinished corrugated metal or sheet metal.
- b) No fence in an *RU* or *A1* zone shall contain tarps, razor wire, unfinished corrugated metal or sheet metal.
- c) No metal fence shall be constructed or erected which has the ends of fence pickets or finials extending above a horizontal rail (see Figure 3.10.11)”
- d) Finished corrugated metal may only be used as a fencing material if exposed edges are capped and framed with other materials.

Bylaw 871-285

Figure 3.10.11
Fence Construction



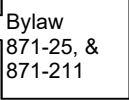
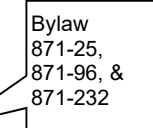

Swimming Pool Fences

13. Swimming pools shall be provided with fences that meet the following regulations:

- a) A fence or an equivalent barrier not less than 1.2 m (3.9 ft.) in *height* shall be provided to prevent access to a swimming pool. All openings through the fence shall be equipped with self-closing and self-latching gates. Latches shall be located on the swimming pool side of the gate and located at least 1 m (3.3 ft.) above grade.
- b) The fence or equivalent barrier shall be chain link type material, solid material with a flat vertical surface, or vertically oriented material, all intended to discourage climbing. All openings through such a fence or barrier shall have a size so as to prevent the passage of a spherical object having a diameter of 10 cm (3.9 in.) or greater.

- c) A swimming pool which is located above ground and has vertical sides of at least 1.2 m (3.9 ft.) may be protected from access by fencing the access ladder to limit access, with a self closing and self latching gate through the fence.
- d) The swimming pool fence or equivalent temporary barrier shall be in place prior to placing the water in the pool.

3.17 Accessory, Buildings and Structures

1. No *accessory building or structure* shall be permitted on any *parcel* unless the *principal building or structure* is established on the *parcel*.
2. No person shall attach an *accessory building* to a *principal building* unless the *accessory building* meets the regulations for the *principal building*.
3. On a *parcel* in an *R* or *R3* zone, the size of *accessory buildings* shall not exceed a total floor area of 100 m² *gross floor area*, including all floors. 
4. On a *parcel* in an *R* or *R3* zone, no more than three *accessory buildings* or *structures* are permitted in addition to the following *accessory buildings and structures*: domestic water pump houses, and swimming pools and auxiliary equipment.
5. No *accessory building or structure* is permitted in a required front *setback*, or corner side *setback*. 
6. An *accessory building or structure* may be located within a required rear *setback* or side *setback*, but if it exceeds 2.0 m (6.6 ft.) in *height* it shall have a minimum of 1.0 m (3.3 ft.) *setback* from a side or rear *parcel line*. *Accessory buildings or structures* within the rear *setback* or side *setback* shall not benefit from the additional *setback* exceptions described in section 3.5.
7. No *accessory building or structure* shall be used for residential purposes, except those designated as an *accessory home*.
8. No *accessory uses, buildings or structures* are permitted in the CL8 and RU7 zones for keeping of livestock, houseboats, float camp, or vessels used for temporary or permanent residence. 
9. Greenhouses of less than 100 square meters of *gross floor area* shall be considered an *accessory building*. 