

- **Planning Case #23-013** –  
Public Hearing Required
- **Applicant:** City of Arden Hills
- **Request:** Zoning Code  
Amendment - Fences



## *Action to Consider*

- The City is proposing an ordinance amendment that will add language in the city code to:
  - Identify criteria between a temporary and permanent fence in all Zoning Districts.
  - Set a maximum height for fences in the Business and Industrial Zoning Districts.

# *Overview of Ordinance Amendments*

- Section 1325.05 – Design Standards, Subd. 4.D – Fences
- Proposed amendments will:
  - Establish criteria for evaluating materials for residential fences
  - Identify factors between a temporary and permanent fence.
    - City code is absent of any language differentiating the two which means that all fences are subject to a zoning permit.
  - Establish a time limitation for how many days temporary fencing could be erected on a property.
  - Establish a maximum height specification for fences in business or industrial zoning districts and allows the City to grant flexibility based on site suitability as a buffer or screening.

# Overview of Ordinance Amendments

- Add Section 1325.05, Subd. 4.D.3 - Fences in residential districts shall be comprised of chain-link, aluminum, wood, vinyl, composite, or other material as approved by the Zoning Administrator. Alternate fencing materials may be allowed in business and industrial zoning districts subject to conformance with Section 1325.05.
- Add Section 1325.05, Subd. 4.D.4 - Height of Fences in Business and Industrial Districts. Fences may be up to eight (8) feet in height in the side and rear yards up to the front building line of the principal structure. Fences abutting residential districts shall conform to those regulations applicable to the residential district. Fences, solid walls and hedges in the minimum front yard setback may be allowed through Site Plan Review or as part of a Planned Unit Development as determined appropriate by the City Council based on site suitability to allow for additional screening and/or as a buffer for noise reduction.
- c. Add Section 1325.05, Subd. 4.D.10 - Fences which are temporary in nature shall be allowed seasonally for the purpose of protecting gardens or lawns from natural elements. Temporary fences that are 48 inches or less shall be allowed without a zoning permit and temporary fences over 48 inches are prohibited. Other purposes for temporary fencing may be permitted on a case-by-case review subject to the approval of the Zoning Administrator. Temporary fencing may be installed for a duration not to exceed 150 days. Examples of temporary fencing materials allowed are snow or safety fence (i.e. plastic), silt fence (i.e. fabric), or wire fence. Temporary fencing shall be subject to all other fence regulations listed within the ordinance. Silt fencing or fencing utilized at a construction site associated with an active grading and erosion control or building permit issued by the City is allowed as an exception to this provision for duration and height. Temporary fencing installed in conjunction with a City permit is subject to removal prior to the final inspection.

## *Public Notices*

- A Zoning Code Amendment requires a public hearing. Notice was published in the *Pioneer Press* on August 17, 2023.
- The City has not received any public comments regarding this case.

# Questions?

Planning Case 23-013 – Zoning Code Amendments – Chapter 13, Fences

