



Fences in Front Yards and Along Saltwater Canals

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Fence Update

- At their March 10th workshop, Council directed staff to bring back more data on possibly allowing fences in front yards and stepping the fence down along saltwater canals.

Fences in Front Yards

- Planning staff suggests the following criteria if fences are permitted in the front yard:



Fences in Front Yards

- Permitted as Landscape feature



Fences in Front Yards

- Front yard could not be enclosed with a fence – only permitted within front side setback.



Fences in Front Yards

- Maximum height of 3 feet
- Fences must be open with at least 50% opacity
- No chain link fences allowed
- Setback at least 5 feet from front property line.



Front Yard Fence Limits

- Staff suggests front yard fences be limited:
 - Permitted as Landscape feature
 - Permitted only within front **side** setback.
 - Setback at least 5 feet from front property line.
 - No chain link fences allowed
 - Maximum height of 3 feet
 - Fences must be open with at least 50% opacity

Fences in Saltwater Canal Backyards



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Continue to allow 6 foot open fences within 20' rear setback of a saltwater canal



Fences in Saltwater Canal Backyards Recommendation

- Within 20' of a saltwater canal.
 - Solid fences reduced to four feet in height, or
 - Six foot high open fence



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