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G. FENCING

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Fencing may be designed for functional reasons or merely aesthetic purposes – or both. Regardless of the purpose it is the intent of these guidelines to provide general guidance particularly as it relates to fence design and appearance.

Fencing regulations can be found in the town Zoning Ordinance, which takes precedence over these guidelines. These guidelines should be viewed as supplemental to town requirements.

1. Materials

- a) Wood fence material is encouraged and is most appropriate, particularly a wood that is naturally weather resistant. If pressure treated (PT) lumber is used it should be painted or stained, preferably white in color. Unfinished PT lumber is not allowed.
- b) Stone or brick masonry fencing or screening is encouraged – its shape, detail, and definition shall be in keeping with the primary building form it abuts.
- c) Chain link fence material is inappropriate in all areas except where the site is zoned for industrial use. When used, chain linkage shall be galvanized or vinyl coated and incorporate filler strips.
- d) Painted concrete masonry units should not be used as fences or screen walls with the exception of the back side of a brick or stone veneer screen – where the CMU is not exposed to sight.
- e) PVC or other plastic forms of fencing is strongly discouraged.

2. Compatibility and Design

a) Fencing and screening that comes in contact with a primary building structure should be compatible with and incorporate design elements of that structure in its design – this should include material selections.

b) Fencing and screening should be designed to stand the test of time. It is recommended that connections to structures and the earth are well engineered. All hardware should be exterior grade, non-corrosive and of high quality.

c) Gates or operable fence components shall match the design of the primary fence or screen.

3. Height

a) Consult the town zoning ordinance for minimum and maximum fencing height requirements.

b) Fencing not addressed in the town zoning ordinance is recommended to be no higher than 42" at or near public sidewalks. In addition these fences should be set back at least 12" from the walks edge. Privacy fences are recommended to be no taller than 72" in height.

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c) Equipment screen heights shall be high enough to screen contents from view, but not be excessively tall.

4. Color

a) Fence and screen wall color palette shall be consistent with that of the primary structure. Example: brick used on a

masonry screen wall should match the brick used in the building.

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b) Wood fences and screens are to be painted or stained white; however, alternate color schemes will be considered. A sample of the actual finish on the wood that will be used must accompany the application.