

ORDINANCE NO. 16-1558

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 5  
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF DEARBORN, ENTITLED "FENCES"

THE CITY OF DEARBORN ORDAINS TO:

Amend Article IV of Chapter 5 of the Code of the City of Dearborn to read as follows:

Chapter 5

BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS

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Article IV. Fences

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Sec. 5-127. - General requirements.

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(3) Materials.

- (a) All fences built or repaired shall have posts made of either iron pipe one and five-eighths inches outside diameter, wood posts four inches in diameter, reinforced concrete posts four inches across, or any other material of equal stability sunk in the soil at least three feet encased in concrete. On the posts shall be properly fastened materials commonly used in conventional fence construction, such as wood, metal, vinyl or vinyl clad wood.
- (b) Fences which carry electric current, razor wire ~~or barbed wire~~ are prohibited. ~~Exception: Barbed wire may be permitted in industrial districts, provided that the barbed wire is at least eight feet above the ground, and provided further that the barbed wire shall be installed on supports that extend toward the interior of the site. This section shall not apply to property owned by the city.~~
- (c) Barbed wire may be used at the top of fences for security purposes around storage areas located in the Industrial B (Medium Industrial District), Industrial C (Intensive Industrial District), and Industrial D (General Industrial District) zoning districts.
  - 1. Barbed wire is prohibited in the Industrial A (Light Industrial District).
  - 2. Location Requirements: Barbed wire shall not be permitted on fences in the front yard or along frontages on streets defined as arterial or collector roads.

**3. Design Regulations:**

**(a) No strand of barbed wire shall be permitted less than (8) eight feet above ground.**

**(b) The barbed wire strands shall be installed on supports that slant inward toward the interior of the site.**

**(c)(d)** No owner or lessee, or their respective agents, of any building in the city shall erect or cause to be erected or maintained on or about the stairway to the entrance of such building, or on or about its exterior building line, or upon fences or upon any portion of the sidewalk adjacent to such building, any railing, fence guard or other projection on which there shall be affixed or placed, in any manner attached, any spike, nail or other sharp pointed instrument of any kind or description. No wire or other fence materials shall be affixed to the fence with the top edge having any sharp or pointed projections of any kind; provided, however, if such fence is constructed of pickets, such pickets shall have an angle at the top of not less than 90 degrees.

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**(10) This section shall not apply to property owned by the City.**