

Local Law #1 of 2024

Fences, Barriers, or Other Upright Structures in Proximity to Occupied Buildings

Fences, barriers, and other upright structures that block fire and emergency accesses, or the ability to do basic building repairs to occupied buildings on abutting properties shall maintain a five foot set back from the face of said buildings. The fences regulated by this section shall be no higher than 7-foot above grade and be maintained in a safe and sound condition. Fences, barriers, and other upright structures may not be erected for the purpose to harass, intimidate, annoy, or antagonize others on abutting properties or create a private nuisance. Profanity or written messages containing profanity are not permitted to be displayed, written, or affixed to any fence, barrier, or other upright structure.

All preexisting fences, barriers, or other upright structures within the 5-foot minimum set back shall have one year after the adoption of this law to come into compliance or seek relief through the variance process.

Property owners in violation of this local law shall be subject to a \$250.00 fine per calendar day that the fence is in violation after notification of the violation is issued by the Code Enforcement Officer.

Definitions:

Fence: A barrier or other upright structure enclosing or marking a boundary, or controlling access to a piece of property. Commonly made of wood or metal

Barrier: A fence, structure, or other obstacle that prevents access to an area or property.

Upright Structure: A barrier or other structure that is perpendicular or upright in its orientation.

Profanity: language containing expletives, swearing, cursing, or vulgar and or foul language.