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Fence Policy

This policy provides guidelines for the requirements and description of fences and walls needing a permit and or engineering.

Definition:

Fence: is a freestanding structure designed to restrict or prevent movement across a boundary. It is generally distinguished from a wall by the lightweight construction, usually constructed of posts, wire, vinyl or wood.

Wall Barrier: a freestanding structure designed to prevent passage, block vision and mark boundary or retain, commonly constructed of solid block, concrete, brick masonry or rock.

CBC Section 105: A permit is required for a fence exceeding seven (7) feet in height. Engineering required when exceeding heights noted below.

- a) Wood post and rail fence with wood pickets to a height of 7’;
- b) Chain link fence to a height of 10’ without slating per manufacturers spec’s;
- c) Wrought Iron 7’ in height with columns to 7’ in height (no electrical);
- d) Vinyl fence to 7’ in height installed per manufacturers spec’s.

Wall Barriers exceeding 3’ feet in height require a building permit and engineering including Retaining Walls.

- a) Block (CMU), Concrete
- b) Masonry Brick
- c) Dry Stone or Rock
- d) Stucco exterior wall, wood or steel frame

All designs and types may not be shown, the structure will be categorized by what best resembles the definition noted above.

Site Plan required for all permits.

Electrical Permit required when electrical installed.

All Pool barrier fences/walls, require permits.

Exemption: Agricultural livestock fencing such as chicken wire, mesh, woven wire, barb wire, metal post etc., exceeding 7’ in height.