



# Fence Height Amendment

Code Amendment

LDC #23-08207



**City Commission**  
February 21, 2024

Department of Sustainable Development (DSD)



# Request

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The Department of Sustainable Development is proposing a code amendment to the Zoning and Land Development Code to increase the permitted height for fences and walls in the side and rear yards, remove the height limitation on hedges and bushes, and prohibit chainlink fences within the front and street-facing side yards.

# Current Code

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Section 32-335 of the Zoning and Land Development Code regulations provides the general requirements for fences, walls, hedges, and bushes, including the maximum permitted height. Currently, the regulations restrict the maximum height of a fence or wall in the side and rear yards to six feet, and hedges or bushes to six inches above the permitted height of the fence or wall. Following recent concerns as it relates to the safety of properties, Staff has evaluated the current regulations to determine the appropriateness of increasing fence heights.

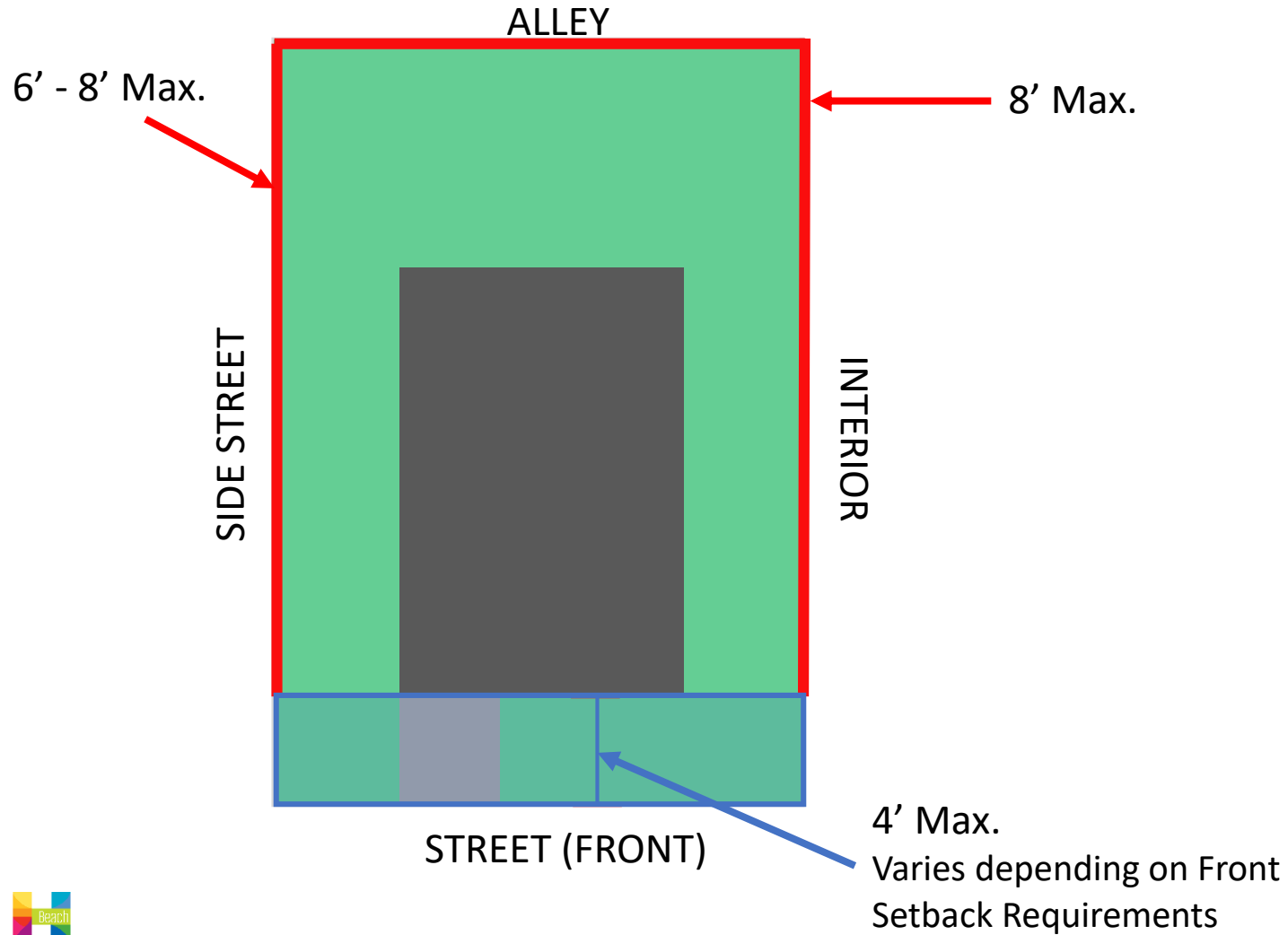
# Proposed Amendment

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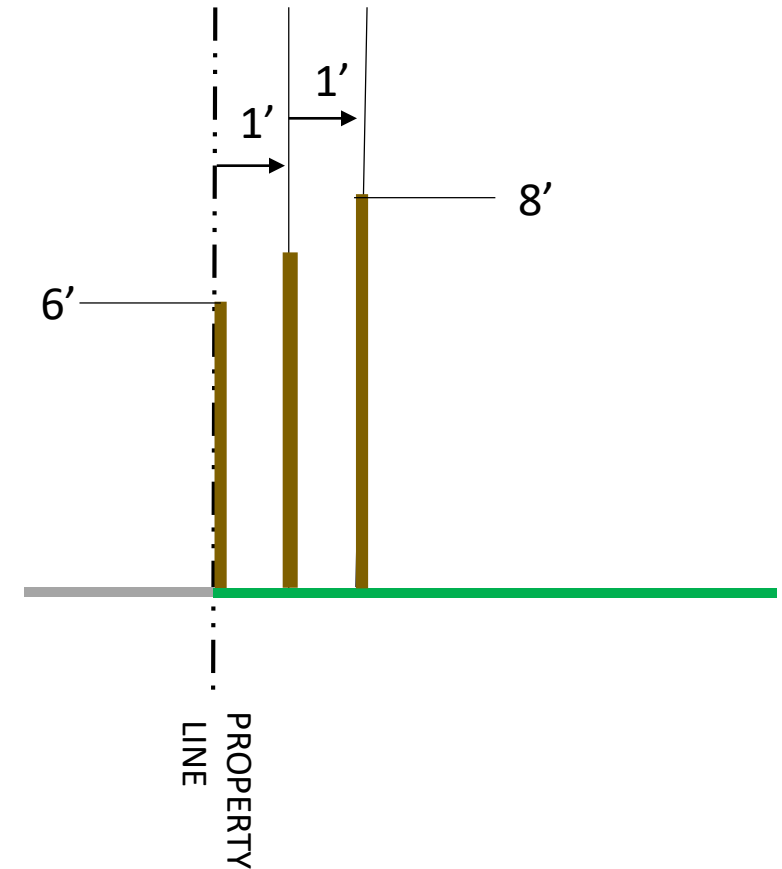


1. Increases the permitted height for fences or walls in the rear and side yards from six feet to eight feet.
2. Removes height restrictions for hedges and bushes.
3. Prohibits chain link fences within the front and street facing side yards.
4. Maintains that no fence, planting or other structure may be erected, constructed, installed or maintained within a triangular area created within a distance of 25 feet along the front and side lot lines from the point of street right-of-way intersection of a corner lot.

# Proposed Amendment



SIDE STREET  
6' - AN ADDITIONAL FOOT IS PERMITTED  
WHEN SETBACK. MAX 8'



# Recommendations



- **Planning and Zoning Board Recommendations:**

On January 24, 2024, the Planning and Zoning Board reviewed the proposed code amendment and recommended the City Commission adopt the proposed Ordinance by a vote of 5 to 0, with the following recommendation:

1. Restrict the maximum height of hedges and bushes to ten feet in the side and rear yards.
2. Restrict the maximum height of hedges and bushes in the front yard, as currently permitted, to six inches above the permitted height of the front yard fence.

- **Staff Recommendations:**

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt the proposed Ordinance with the following modifications:

1. Amended the proposed ordinance to restrict the height of hedges and bushes in the front yard as currently permitted.
2. Recommend height for hedges remain unrestricted in all other yards, as proposed.



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