

POLICY MANUAL

Requirements For Determining Fence And Wall Height

Code Section 12.406: Fences and Walls Height in Residential Districts of the Mecklenburg County and the City of Charlotte Zoning Ordinance, provides the provision to regulate the height of fences and walls as they relate to locations along various required yards; street line to front setback, front setback to rear building line, and rear building property line.

Issue: How do you measure the actual fence or wall height?

Policy: The measurement of fences and walls will be measured from the top of the fence or wall, to include the top of any post or column for support. The measurement will be taken from the property owner's side of the fence or wall. In the event a wall or fence is erected on a bona fide retaining wall, the permitted height is determined by measuring from ground level on the fill side to the top of the post or column. Per requirements of the building code, any retaining wall in excess of five (5) feet in height, requires a building permit and must be designed by a registered engineer or architect. However, if any retaining wall or any fill area is used for the purpose to raise the fence or wall height above the maximum height allowed, then the measurement will be taken from the top of the wall, fence, post or column, to the actual ground, excluding any fill areas.

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Date	Approved By: _____	Zoning Administrator SUPERSEDES
CODE SECTION 12.406		