

ORDINANCE - 3802

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 201
OF THE CITY ZONING ORDINANCE
PERTAINING TO YARDS

Section Amended: § 201

WHEREAS, the public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practice so require;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA
BEACH, VIRGINIA:

That Section 201 of the City Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 201. Yards.

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- (e) *Requirements for fences and walls.* Except as may be provided by the regulations of the Oceanfront Resort District Form-Based Code, the following requirements shall apply to fences and walls:

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- (8) ~~A zoning permit shall be required for the construction of all fences and walls, and for repairs, replacements, and/or reconstruction of fences and walls that involve more than fifty percent (50%) of the existing fence or wall, measured in linear feet. A permit is not required for: hedges or rows of shrubbery; or an interior barrier located entirely within a portion of a yard not directly adjacent to property not owned by the homeowner, including garden fences or dog pens; and temporary fences or walls. A current site survey or other documentation sufficient to ensure that the fence is placed in the correct location is required for such permit. A fence permit shall be valid for 180 days from the date of issuance. A permit shall be required for the construction, reconstruction, replacement or relocation of any fence or wall located within thirty (30) feet of a public right-of-way, except fences or walls used principally for agricultural or horticultural purposes in an AG Agricultural Zoning District. Such fencing shall have the finished side of the fence facing the right of way. Any such fence or wall located upon more than one (1) lot shall require a separate permit for each such lot, except lots under common ownership.~~

(8a) The fee for permits required by this section shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00).

Adopted by the Council of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, on the 15th day of April, 2025.