

CITY OF TAYLORS FALLS
EXCERPT FROM CODE OF ORDINANCES
SECTION 12, SUBD. 7 - FENCING, SCREENING AND LANDSCAPING

Fencing, Screening, and Landscaping. The placement of fences shall require a fence permit, for which the application fee is established in Section 1000.032. Fences shall be subject to the following requirements, except for agricultural fences within or adjacent to the “A-R” district.

- A. No fence shall exceed four (4) feet in the front yard or six (6) feet in the side and rear yards in height as measured from the average point between the highest and lowest grade, except for security purposes within the “B-1” district, security for government facilities, and for agricultural purposes.

Fences located in the front yard may be allowed up to six (6) feet in height only in cases where:

1. the fence does not obstruct traffic vision if the roadway is elevated; or
 2. the fence has a densely wooded area as a backdrop; or the fence abuts public property or public buildings, schools, churches, parking lots, ball diamonds or businesses
- B. No fence, screen, or structure which obstructs the view shall be located within twenty-five (25) feet of the corner formed by the intersection of street and railroad rights-of-way as measured from the intersecting property lines.
- C. Except as provided in Subd. 7.B. above, fences, hedges, or shrubs, less than four (4) feet in height may be located on any part of the lot.
- D. In all zoning districts all usable open space as defined by this Ordinance shall be planted and maintained in grass, sodding, shrubs, or other suitable vegetation or treatment.
- E. Except as provided in this Section, Subd. 7.B., fences shall be set back at least one (1) foot from the lot lines or it may upon written mutual consent of the abutting property owner(s) be placed along the lot line.
- F. That side of the fence considered to be the face, opposite the side with the fence posts, shall face the abutting public or private property.
- G. All fences shall be constructed of or have the appearance of masonry, brick, wood, steel, or chain link. No barbed wire, electric fences, hog netting, poultry netting, or sheep netting are permitted. No snow fencing or construction security fencing is allowed, except during construction.
- H. All screening required by the provisions of this Ordinance shall consist of:
1. A green belt planting strip consisting of vegetative cover of sufficient width and density to provide an effective screen, or
 2. A fence constructed of masonry, brick, wood or steel which is compatible with surrounding structures and buildings.
 3. In the case of a non-residential use abutting a residential use, the City Council may require screening up to eight (8) feet in height.
- I. Any nonconforming fence which is destroyed or in disrepair, requiring more than seventy-five (75) percent of its replacement cost to repair, shall be removed and be rebuilt only if in compliance with the standards set forth in this section.