

ORDINANCE NO. 425-97

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 10-1.17, APPENDIX A OF THE SAULT
STE MARIE CODE OF ORDINANCES.

THE CITY OF SAULT STE MARIE ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 10-1.7, Appendix A be amended by adding the following subsection.

SECTION 10-1.17. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1712. Residential fences, walls, and similar protective barriers.

Fences, walls and similar protective barriers which are accessory to residential dwelling units are permitted subject to the following provisions. All height dimensions are measured from the surface on the ground.

1. Fences, walls and similar protective barriers located within a side or rear yard shall not exceed six (6) feet in height.
2. Fences, walls and similar protective barriers shall not be located in the front yard except as follows:
 - a. Fences up to four (4) feet in height and of no more than 70% solid construction with open spaces spread uniformly over the entire length may be located in the front yard.
3. For the purposes of this section, in the case of double frontage lots, the entire front yard at the front of the main structure and also the required front yard setback area at the rear of the main structure shall be considered front yards, subject to the provisions of subsection 2 above. Any additional yard area at the rear of the main structure shall be considered a rear yard.
4. For the purposes of this section, in the case of lots fronting on both a street and the St. Mary's River, the entire yard area between the main structure and the river and also the required front yard setback area along the street shall be considered front yards, subject to the provisions of Section 2 above. Any additional yard area along the street shall be considered a rear yard.
5. For the purposes of this Section, in the case of corner lots, the side and rear lot areas between the main building setback line and the street or within twenty (20) feet of the street, whichever

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distance is less, shall be considered front yards, subject to the provisions of Section 2 above.

6. Fences, walls and similar protective barriers up to 25 feet in total length which are designed to serve as privacy screens and are located in the side or rear yard at least eight (8) feet from any property line may be up to eight (8) feet in height.
7. No fences, walls and similar protective barriers above a height of three (3) feet from the established street grades shall be permitted within the triangular area formed at the intersection of any street right-of-way lines by a straight line drawn between said right-of-way lines at a distance along each line of twenty-five (25) feet from their point of intersection.
8. Fences, walls and similar protective barriers shall not in any way obstruct or encroach upon any public street, sidewalk, or alley right-of-way.
9. Fences, walls and similar protective barriers shall not contain sharp-pointed materials, barbed wire, electric current or charge of electricity.