

LAMC 12.22.C.20 – Regarding yards

(f) Fences and Walls in the A and R Zones. (Amended by Ord. No. 154,798, Eff. 2/20/81.)

(1) **Fences and Walls.** For the purposes of Article 2 through 6 of this chapter, the terms “fence” and “wall” shall include latticework, ornamental fences, screen walls, hedges or thick growths of shrubs or trees. Fence and wall height shall be measured from the natural ground level adjacent thereto.

(2) **Front Yards.** (Amended by Ord. No. 173,754, Eff. 3/5/01.) **In the R Zones, fences, walls, and landscape architectural features of guard railing around depressed ramps, not more than three and one-half feet in height above the natural ground level adjacent to the feature, railing or ramp, may be located and maintained in any required front yard.** In the A Zones (including the RA Zone), a fence or wall not more than six feet in height may be located and maintained in the required front yard. In both the A and R Zones, a fence or wall not more than eight feet in height may be located and maintained in the required front yard when authorized by a Zoning Administrator pursuant to Section 12.24 X.7.

In both the A and R zones, an unobstructed chainlink fence not more than ten feet in height may be located and maintained in all yards when required by the Department of Building and Safety pursuant to the provisions of Sections 91.3303 and 91.6103 and Division 89 of Article 1 of Chapter IX of this Code.

(3) **Side Yards, Rear Yards and Other Spaces.** (Amended by Ord. No. 173,492, Eff. 10/10/00.) A fence or wall not more than eight feet in height may be located and maintained within the required side yard, rear yard or other open space of any lot in an RW Zone and within the required side yard, rear yard or other open space of a lot within any other A or R zone which is 40 feet or more in width, provided the lot is not located within the boundary of a “Hillside Area”, as defined in Section 91.7003 of this Code.

A fence or wall not more than six feet in height may be located and maintained within the required side yard, rear yard or other open space of any lot in an A or R Zone, other than an RW Zone, which is less than 40 feet in width or which is located within the boundary of a “Hillside Area”, as defined in Section 91.7003 of this Code, except that in either case a fence or wall not more than eight feet in height may be located in the yards or other open space when authorized by a Zoning Administrator pursuant to Section 12.21A2.

In the A Zones (including the RA Zone), a fence or wall not more than eight feet in height may be located on the side street lot line of any reversed corner lot; provided, however, that if the lot is located within the boundary of a “Hillside Area”, as defined in Section 91.7003, the fence or wall shall not exceed six feet in height.

In the R Zones, other than the RW Zones, a fence or wall located within five feet of the side street lot line of a reversed corner lot may not exceed three and one-half feet in height. In the RW Zones, a fence or wall located within three feet of the side street lot line of either a corner lot or a reversed corner lot may not exceed three and one-half feet in height.

VENICE COASTAL ZONE SPECIFIC PLAN EXCEPTIONS

Section 10. Land Use and Development Regulations for Subareas

A. BALLONA LAGOON WEST BANK.

B. BALLONA LAGOON (GRAND CANAL) EAST BANK.

(3) The combined height of any decks, railings, garden walls and fences situated within the required Permeable yard shall not exceed six feet above the elevation of the adjacent public walkway

C. SILVER STRAND

3. Lagoon Buffer Strip and Setback

a. (3) The total combined height of any decks, railings, garden walls and/or fences situated within the ten to 15-foot setback from the Lagoon Buffer Strip shall not exceed six feet above the elevation of the Lagoon Buffer Strip located immediately adjacent to the setback area.

F. NORTH VENICE.

4. Setback

(a).The front yard setback for all residential Venice Coastal Development Projects shall be consistent with LAMC requirements, but shall not be less than five feet. Ground level patios, decks, landscaping and railings, wall and fences that do not exceed six feet in height may encroach into this setback, provided they observe a setback of one foot.