

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA AMENDING CHAPTER 22 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NORMAN TO AMEND SECTION 431.8, LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS FOR OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES, AND TO AMEND SECTION 431.9, FENCING, WALLS, AND SCREENING; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

§ 1. That Section 431.8 of Chapter 22 of the Code of the City of Norman shall be amended to read as follows:

SECTION 431.8 - LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS FOR OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES

1. Intent of Landscaping Requirements. The intent of this section is to protect and promote the public health, safety and welfare by requiring the landscaping of parking lots areas which will serve to reduce wind and air turbulence, heat and noise, and the glare of automobile lights; to prevent soil erosion; to reduce the level of carbon dioxide and return pure oxygen to the atmosphere; to provide shade; to visually enhance the appearance of parking lots areas; and to generally promote a healthful and pleasant environment. All areas used for the display, parking, or storage of any and all types of vehicles, boats, or construction equipment are subject to provisions herein.

2. Landscaping Requirements: for Off-Street Parking and Other Vehicular Use Areas Having At Least Six (6) Parking Spaces. For all off-street parking areas in any zoning district having at least six (6) parking spaces and/or other vehicular use areas of at least nine hundred (900) square feet of impervious area to be used as parking, The owners shall provide peripheral landscaping and street landscaping as indicated below.

(a) Peripheral Landscaping Requirements.

[1] Peripheral Landscaping shall be required along any side of a parking area that abuts adjoining property that is not a street or alley right-of-way.

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§ 2. That Section 420.2 of Chapter 22 shall be amended to read as follows:

SEC. NO. 431.9 FENCING, WALLS, AND SCREENING

1. In a Residential District zoned or used for one or two-family dwellings, fencing or screening may not project into any required front setback line, unless such fencing is less than four feet in height. Fencing along the side or rear property lines:

- (a) May be erected within any utility easement, but is subject to removal by any franchised utility company whenever installation or repair of their facilities is required.
- (b) May not exceed eight feet in height, unless the written consent of the abutting property owner is secured, or the Board of Adjustment approves the height, location, and materials as a Special Exception.
- (c) May not be constructed of corrugated fiberglass, corrugated metal, or unpainted sheet metal, nor contain any barbed wire.
- (d) Walls of brick or masonry material, which require a permanent foundation, may not be constructed within any designated utility easement without the written consent of all affected utility franchise holders.
- (e) For parking areas containing six (6) or more parking spaces and/or other vehicular use areas of at least nine hundred (900) square feet of impervious area to be used as parking, the owners shall screen from any abutting lot zoned or used for single-family purposes by a solid opaque fence at least six (6) feet in height.

2. The side and rear property boundaries of all lots used for commercial, industrial, and multi-family uses shall be screened from any abutting lot zoned or used for single-family or two-family purposes by a solid opaque fence at least six feet in height.

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§ 3. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance, except that the effective date provision shall not be severable from the operative provisions of the ordinance.

ADOPTED this _____ day
of _____, 2017.

NOT ADOPTED this _____ day
of _____, 2017.

(Mayor)

(Mayor)

ATTEST:

(City Clerk)