



City of El Segundo

Building Safety Division

HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS FOR WALLS, FENCES AND HEDGES

A. Generally:

In any R zone, a wall, fence, or hedge forty two inches (42") in height may be located and maintained on any part of a lot. On an interior or corner lot, a wall, fence, or hedge not more than six feet (6') in height may be located anywhere on the lot to the rear of the rear line of the required front yard. On a reversed corner lot, a wall, fence, or hedge not more than six feet (6') in height may be maintained anywhere on the lot to the rear of the rear line of the required front yard except within the required triangular open area at the rear constituting a part of the required side yard of the street side. Wall, fence and hedge heights in nonresidential zones shall be subject to the approval of the director of community, economic and development services.

B. Retaining Walls:

1. Where a retaining wall protects a cut slope below the natural grade, as depicted in **Figure 1 in Subsection E** of this section, the retaining wall may be topped by a fence, wall, or hedge of a height equal to that which would otherwise be permitted at that location. This does not apply to retaining walls which protect a fill slope.
2. Where a retaining wall contains a fill and is not located in any required setback, as depicted in **Figure 2 in Subsection E** of this section, the height of the retaining wall built to retain the fill shall be considered as contributing to the permissible height of a fence, wall or hedge. A protective fence or guardrail, not more than forty eight inches (48") in height, may be erected on top of a retaining wall. An "open work fence" means a fence in which the component solid portions are evenly distributed, vertically oriented, and constitute not more than twenty five percent (25%) of the total surface area of the fence.
3. A retaining wall located in any required setback, as depicted in **Figure 3 in Subsection E** of this section, may retain a maximum of three feet (3') of fill. An open work fence, not more than forty eight inches (48") in height, may be erected on top of a retaining wall in a side or rear setback. However, the maximum height of the fence and/or wall above the fill shall be limited to six feet (6'). In a required front setback, a six inch (6") wall or fence may be erected on top of a wall which retains a maximum of three feet (3'). No open work fence, above the maximum forty two inch (42") total height, shall be allowed in the front setback.

C. Exceptions:

The provisions of this section shall not apply to fences required by state law to surround and enclose public utility installations or to chain link fences enclosing school grounds and public playgrounds.

D. Adjustments:

A wall, fence, or hedge up to eight feet (8') in height may be allowed in residential zones subject to the approval of an adjustment, pursuant to Chapter 24 of the El Segundo Municipal Code. A variance is required for a wall, fence, or hedge in a residential zone which exceeds eight feet (8') in height.

FIGURES 1, 2 & 3 of SUBSECTION E

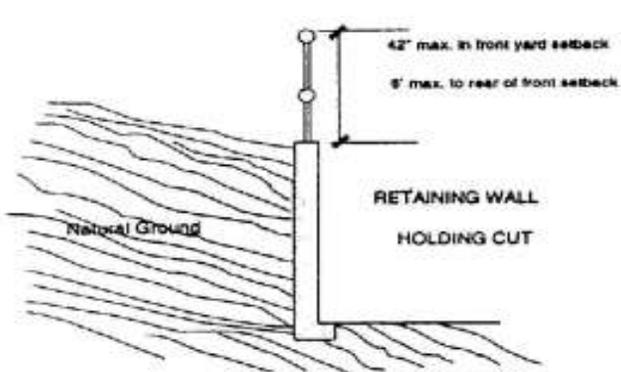


Figure 1

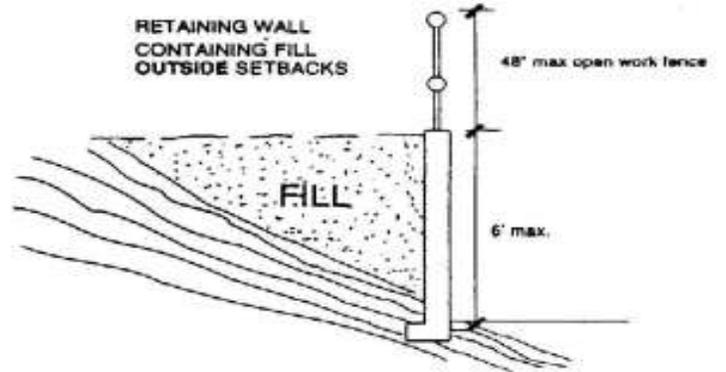


Figure 2

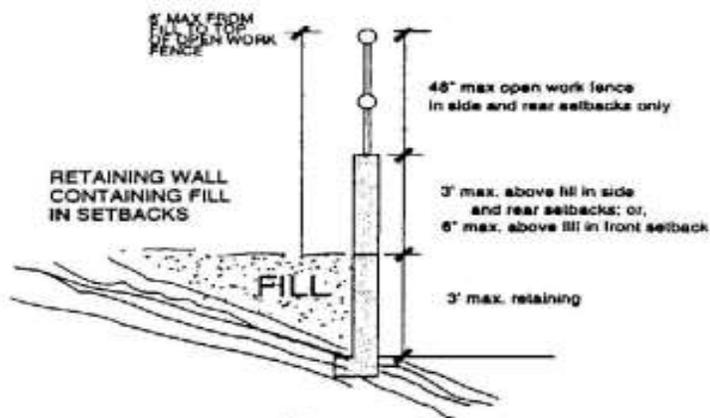


Figure 3

