#### CITY OF MONTEREY

#### FENCE HEIGHT STANDARDS

## I. EXISTING FENCE HEIGHT STANDARDS

- A. Front Maximum of 4 feet in front yard setback area.
- B. Side For side area that is along front setback area, a maximum height of 4 feet. For the remainder of the side area, a maximum height of 6 feet.
- C. Side adjoining a street Maximum height of 4 feet.
- D. Rear Maximum height of 6 feet.

(see Exhibit A)

# II. HEIGHT STANDARDS FOR FENCES AND RETAINING WALLS

The combined height of a retaining wall and a separate fence on a property line shall not exceed eight feet unless the fence is set back from the retaining wall a minimum of half the distance of the required setback but no more than five feet. In no case may a fence exceed six feet in height. If a fence is on one property and the retaining wall on the abutting property, the maximum fence height is six feet regardless of the retaining wall height. Any retaining wall over six feet in height located in a required yard shall require a Use permit. (see Exhibit B)

### III. VARIANCES FOR FENCE HEIGHTS

Fence height Variances shall only be considered when:

- A. At least one of the following conditions exists:
  - 1. There is a significant grade difference where the house is lower than the street; or
  - Due to the nature of the street, there is significant traffic and noise; or
  - 3. The property adjoins or is across from a commercially zoned property.
- B. And both of the following requirements are met:
  - 4. Required sight distance for vehicles is not obstructed; and
  - The fence height and location are compatible with the character of the adjacent neighborhood.

## Allowed Height

A	Front fences (any in front setback) —	4'
B	Side fences in front setback — — — — — — — —	4'
(c)	Corner lot sight distance —	4'
D	Side yard fences facing a street of a reversed corner lot	4'
E	Side yard fences facing a street of a standard lot ———————————————————————————————————	6'
F	All other interior side and rear fences — — — — —	6'

