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AMENDING SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE, TITLE 18
CHAPTER 18.08, DEFINITIONS,
AND CHAPTER 18.76, BULK REGULATIONS

BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Snohomish County Code, Title 18, Chapter 18.08, Definitions, is amended by the addition of the following subsection:

18.08.638 Utility. "Utility" means an entity whose principal purpose is to provide to the public electricity, water, sewer, storm drainage, gas, radio, television, telephone and/or other forms of communication utilizing the electromagnetic spectrum.

Section 2. Snohomish County Code, Title 18, Chapter 18.76, Bulk Regulations, subsection 18.76.140 Fences, last amended by resolution April 4, 1977, is amended to read:

18.76.140 Fences. (a) Fences and freestanding walls six (6) feet or less in height may be allowed in any required front, side or rear yard; except fences and walls on corner lots must meet the requirements of Section 18.76.010(b).

~~(b) Fences and freestanding walls six (6) feet or less in height may be allowed in a required front yard of lots not abutting primary or secondary arterials as designated by the Snohomish County engineer; provided, that any portion or portions of such fence or wall in excess of four (4) feet in height shall not extend across more than one-half of the lot width and shall meet the following setback:~~

~~(One-half (1/2) of the right-of-way plus five (5) feet from the centerline of all public and private rights-of-way, except for thirty-five (35) feet from the centerline of public rights-of-way under sixty (60) feet in width and not in a recorded plat with curb and gutter road sections;~~

~~(c) Fences and freestanding walls six (6) feet or less may be allowed in front yards of lots abutting primary or secondary arterials; provided, that fences and walls in excess of four (4) feet shall meet the following setbacks;~~

~~(i) If an arterial provides access to the lot, one-half (1/2) the right-of-way plus ten (10) feet from the centerline of all public and private rights-of-way, except for forty (40) feet from the centerline of public rights-of-way under sixty (60) feet in width and not in a recorded plat with curb and gutter road sections;~~

~~(2) -- If an arterial does not provide access to the lot, the setback requirements of Section 18-76-140(b) apply;~~

(d) (b) The height of a fence or freestanding wall shall be measured from its top surface, board, rail, or wire to the ground on which it stands. Where a fence or freestanding wall is built on top of a retaining wall that contains fill, the height of the fence or wall shall be measured from the lower ground. In any event, a four (4) foot fence is allowed on top of the retaining wall; provided, that it is an open wire mesh or similar type fence for any portion above the maximum allowable fence or wall height;

~~(e) -- Fences and walls on corner lots must meet the requirements of Section 18-76-010;~~

(f) (c) Open wire mesh or similar type fence may be erected in excess of the maximum heights permitted in this section on the periphery of play grounds accessory to private and public schools and parks, public facilities, industrial and commercial uses, transmitter and transformer sites, and government installations where security or public safety require.

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