

Section 6412

San Mateo County Zoning Regulations: Fence Provisions

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FENCE PROVISIONS

Please note that fences of any type exceeding six (6) feet in height (as in Section 6412.1) and masonry fences of any height will require a building permit.

Section 6412. Fences, walls and hedges shall be subject to the following regulations, except as provided in Section 6412.1:

- (a) Fences, walls and hedges not exceeding four (4) feet in height may occupy any front yard area.
- (b) Fences, walls and hedges not exceeding six (6) feet in height may occupy any side or rear yard area, provided:
 - 1. That they do not extend into any required front yard.
 - 2. That, in the case of a corner lot, they do not extend into the side yard required along a side street or into that portion of the rear yard abutting such side street which is equal to the width of the side yard required on said side street.
- (c) On any parcel of land having a street frontage of one hundred (100) feet or more, and located in any "S" District requiring a minimum building site of twenty thousand (20,000) square feet or more, fences, hedges, or walls not exceeding six (6) feet in height may be erected in any part of the yard area, except as limited by Paragraph (d).
- (d) On any corner lot, the maximum height of fences, walls, hedges, and growth located within fifty (50) feet of the intersected street lines shall not exceed four (4) feet in height provided that nothing in this section shall prevent any fence, wall, or hedge from occupying any portion of the lot area that a main residence may occupy under the terms of this Part.
- (e) Where trees are located within fifty (50) feet on the intersected street lines, the main trunks of such trees shall be trimmed free of branches to a height of seven and one half (7.5) feet above the curb grade.

Section 6412.1. With regard to the height limits set out in Section 6412, whenever there exists an abrupt shift in the height of the land at the boundary line between two different property owners, the lower owner may erect a fence, wall, or hedge on the boundary to a height limit set out in Section 6412, and in no event more than twelve (12) feet high.