

PC Zoning Ordinance April 18th Workshop

Fences, Freestanding Walls, and Hedges

Fences, Freestanding Walls, and Hedges should be no higher than 4 feet in Front and Street Side setbacks. Six feet may be the current standard setback but it should be lowered for safety reasons. You certainly don't want a view obstruction taller than you can see over. Also when sitting in a standard car most people aren't higher than about 4 to 4 1/2 feet.

Outdoor Storage

Temporary storage of construction material should have a 72 hour time limit the same as other materials. Staff was partly incorrect in their response to my comment in stating that "72 hours is the current time limit within the NZO". It clearly states on page IV-10 that it does not apply to temporary storage of construction materials.

Vision Clearance and Visibility standards are mentioned but without any indication of what they are or where they can be found. In the current Zoning Ordinance on page 253, it states that it is not less than ten (10) feet at all corners in all zones. This standard could also include driveways. This should be added to 17.24.090 D and 17.24.210.

Questions

1. The restrictions are not strict enough. People should not be allowed to turn their front yards into storage facilities.

Height

Height modifications should only allow increases up to 10% or 2 feet whichever is less. Under no conditions should a 50% increase in height be permitted. It's what I expected in the previous draft ordinance but certainly not in this one. I hate to even think that we have staff that would suggest this unreasonable increase. This shows a lack of understanding of what Goleta residents want. The only ones supporting increased heights are those who would profit from development that would ruin the quality of life in Goleta. The Storke and Hollister area has already been ruined by the unreasonable height of our two most hated recent projects.

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