Hi Anne,

Here's another take on the side street fence and wall setback issue. It shows how ridiculous it is to disallow a 6-foot fence within 20 feet of the right-of-way while allowing structures much taller than 6 feet as close as 10 feet.

Please forward copies to the Planning Commission members.

Thank you,

--Dana
September 9, 2019
To: Anne Wells
From: Dana Trout

I have a problem with Figure 17.24.090(B) Fence and Wall Height

It states "Street side setback or 20 ft from street right-of-way line, whichever is greater: Max 4 ft high"

The street side setback required for single family residential is defined by Table 17.07.030 of the draft NZO to be 10 feet.

I checked our house, which is part of a tract built in 1963 -- its side street setback is 16 feet, far less than what is specified in the draft NZO for fences and walls.

The current zoning standard calls for a side street setback of 10 feet (Sec. 35-275.2A.a)

I checked nearly 100 corner lots in various tracts in the City of Goleta and found only one that had a side street setback of more than 18 feet.

So why is it that a structure significantly taller than 6 feet is allowed to be only 10 feet from the side street right-of-way but a 6-foot fence or wall must be at least 20 feet away?

While I was looking at the as-built side street setbacks of corner lots I also looked at the locations of side street fencing or walls: every single one had a fence, hedge, or wall approximately 6 feet high within 3 feet of the sidewalk edge.

More than 97% of the corner lots in the City limits will be non-compliant according to the draft NZO. It does not make sense to make substantially all the corner lots in the City limits non-compliant.