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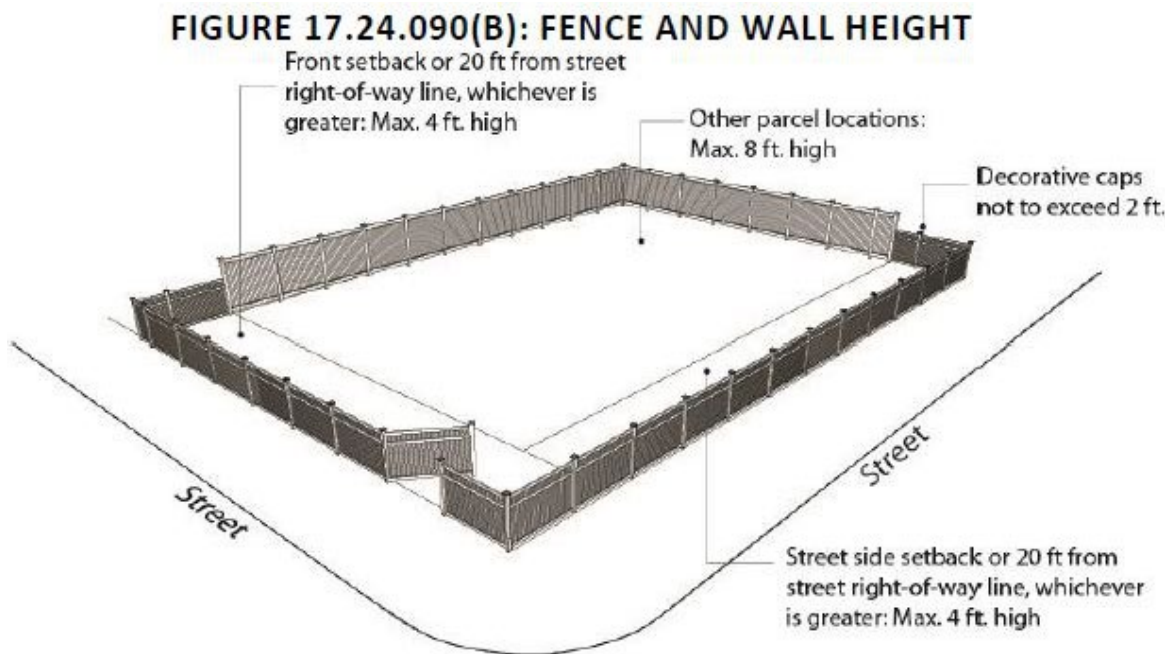
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**From:** Jim Henry [jhenry@west.net]  
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**To:** Anne Wells [awells@cityofgoleta.org]  
**Subject:** Goleta's new zoning ordinance

Anne;

Of particular interest to me are the rules about fencing on corner properties -- see NZO pages **IV-9** through **IV-10**.



Heights of fencing along the street are limited to 4 feet, unless the owner applies for a "Zoning Clearance" or "Land Use Permit" from the city.

**1. Where does this 4 foot limit come from?**

A short drive around Goleta residential areas, shows the existing convention to be 6 foot fences around the back yards for privacy and security. I have seen very few fences or walls enclosing back yards in our neighborhoods that are less than 6 feet high along the streets.

A 4 foot fence is only symbolic. Those with pools or dogs can't rely on such a short fence.

Light pollution from neighboring porch and garage lights is another reason to want a fence higher than 4 feet to enclose the side yard from the street.

Please consider changing this rule to match existing conventions in the community and practical needs.

## **2. Zoning Clearance or Land Use Permits**

What reasons will justify granting a "Zoning Clearance" or "Land Use Permit" for a higher fence, and what do these permits cost?

Thanks, and Best Regards,

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