

**CITY OF TANEYTOWN
ORDINANCE 22-2025**

AMENDMENT TO FENCES AND WALLS

WHEREAS, Section 5-213 of the Local Government Article of the Maryland Annotated Code and Section C-401(B)(62) of the Charter of the City of Taneytown grants the Mayor and City Council with the authority to adopt zoning regulations.

WHEREAS, the City has become aware that modifications are needed relating to the administration of fence and wall regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council intends to reduce administrative requirements regarding fences and walls for both property owners and City staff; and

WHEREAS, the Taneytown Planning and Zoning Commission have reviewed the proposed Ordinance at their November 24, 2025 meeting and voted to recommend that the Mayor and City Council for the City of Taneytown approve and adopt the proposed ordinance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of Section 4-203 of the Land Use Article of the Maryland Annotated Code, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Taneytown have advertised and held a public hearing on this matter on April 8, 2026 to receive public comment; and

WHEREAS, after considering the matter, and the Planning and Zoning and public comment related there to have decided it is in the best interests of the citizens of Taneytown to implement said Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TANEYTOWN THAT:

SECTION 1:

That Section 205-30 Fences and walls be amended as follows

Notwithstanding other provisions of this Code, fences and walls shall be permitted in any required yard subject to the following provisions:

A.

No fence or wall in or along the sides of any required front yard shall exceed four feet in height.

B.

Except for a retaining wall, no fence or wall, which exceeds six feet in height, shall be permitted in any required side or rear yards in any residential district.

C.

Except for a retaining wall, no fence or wall, which exceeds 10 feet in height, shall be permitted in any required side or rear yards in any commercial or industrial district.

D.

All fences and walls will be restricted to a maximum height of four feet, except for those fences and walls located within the rear yards and those portions of the side yards to the rear of the front corner of the dwelling structure, which will be restricted to a maximum height of six feet, except as herein set forth.

E.

All fences or walls must have a minimum clearance to allow for stormwater management.

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No fence or wall shall be erected, replaced, altered or relocated within any City easement or right of way without written permission by the City.

G.

All fences and walls lawfully existing on the date of the passage of this section may remain on the premises until such time as it becomes unsafe, or beyond repair in the opinion of the zoning administrator.

H.

No fence or wall shall be erected or located so as to obstruct a public right-of-way. The property owner shall be responsible to maintain the fence or wall in good repair so that no portion thereof shall impede or obstruct any public right-of-way.

I.

Any person who violates this article shall be subject to the provisions of § **205-90** of the Code of the City of Taneytown, Maryland.

INTRODUCED THIS 19 DAY OF November, 2025

Clara Kalman
CLARA KALMAN, CITY CLERK

PASSED THIS 13 DAY OF April 2025 BY A VOTE OF
4 COUNCILMEMBERS IN FAVOR AND 0
COUNCILMEMBERS OPPOSED.

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APPROVED THIS 13th DAY OF April 2025.

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CHRISTOPHER G MILLER, MAYOR