

**BOROUGH OF ALLENDALE
COUNTY OF BERGEN
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE # 25-14

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, SUPPLEMENT AND REVISE THE CODE OF THE
BOROUGH OF ALLENDALE, ZONING, CHAPTER 270-31, FENCES**

Ch 270-31 FENCES

A. FENCING for Residential Homes

Permit Requirements

1. Before any fence may be erected, altered or reconstructed, an application for a zoning permit must be made to the Building Dept online on the Boroughs website.
2. The application shall include a plot plan showing the location of the fence, a description of the type of fence including any decorative features to be erected and the height of the fence, the adjacent street or streets to the property and include a general indication of the topographic conditions where the fence is to be constructed. The application must be accompanied by a fee according to Borough ordinance.

Specifications:

- a) Fences shall be permitted in front, side and rear yards with height requirements listed below in section f (measurements).
- b) In the event that both sides of a fence are not identical, the finished or preferred side shall be required to face the street and/or abutting properties, as applicable. The finished or preferred side shall be that side which best conceals the fence posts, rails, and other supporting parts and/or which is painted, stained or otherwise treated when only one such side is so treated.
- c) The following fences and fencing materials are specifically prohibited in any location: barbed-wire fences, razor -wire fences, canvas cloth, electrified/charged fences and fences that may cause a danger or hazard to the public.
- d) Corner properties are subject to Allendale police department review and approval
- e) Opaque fences to a height of not more than eight feet may be permitted on exterior lot lines, solely for the purpose of meeting the light trespass requirements of § 270-32.1.
[Added 3-2-2017¹⁴]

f) Measurements

Front Yard: Fencing within 15 feet of lot lines may be erected to a height of not more than 5 feet. Beyond 15 feet from the lot line, fences can be erected to a height of not exceeding 6 feet. These fences must be open and not opaque.

Rear and Side Yard: Fencing in rear and side yards may be erected to a height not to exceed 6 feet

Exceptions to these limits may be granted by the appropriate board upon notice and finding of hardship. *Farms will be exempt*

B. DEER FENCING

Open fencing designed for the purpose of repelling or preventing the travel or entry of deer may be installed in rear and side yards only, as those terms are defined below. The control of deer by the construction of deer fencing shall be subject to the following regulations:

- An application for a zoning permit must be made to the Building Dept online on the Boroughs website.
 - The application shall include a plot plan showing the location of the fence, a sample of the proposed fencing and the height of the fence.
 - The application must be accompanied by a fee according to Borough ordinance.
- a. Deer fencing is a square mesh or hexagonal mesh fence with a mesh size of approximately eight square inches or less used to protect gardens, vegetation, and yards from deer or other wildlife. Permitted deer fences shall only be constructed of a black polypropylene material or a metal core covered by a black polypropylene material only.
 - b. Deer fencing is permitted on rear and side yards only and is permitted on property lot lines.
 - c. No deer fence shall be erected, constructed or installed which is over eight feet in height.
 - d. Deer fencing may not be attached to trees and must be securely supported by posts or attached to existing fencing and shall be installed in accordance with manufacturing specifications.
 - e. Deer fencing must be safely staked or secured at ground level and may not have caps or rails or other decorative or non-fencing material at its top edge.
 - f. Deer fencing that is visible from the street must be accompanied by adjacent landscaping.
 - g. Deer fencing shall be maintained in good condition and be subject to periodic inspection by our Property Maintenance Officer to assure that it has not deteriorated, come loose or otherwise become a visual or safety nuisance or hazard.

h. Enforcement and penalties for violations shall be in accordance with the Borough Code

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	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Yaccarino		✓	✓			
Councilman O'Toole			✓			
Councilwoman Homan			✓			
Councilwoman Lovisolo	✓		✓			
Councilman Daloisio						✓
Councilman O'Connell			✓			
Mayor Wilczynski	-----	-----				

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Allendale on September 4, 2025.

Linda Louise Cervino
Linda Louise Cervino, RMC
Municipal Clerk



Amy Wilczynski
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Mayor