

1 April 7, 1982

Introduced by: GARY GRANT

Proposed Ordinance No. 82238

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5 ORDINANCE NO. 6069

6 AN ORDINANCE relating to zoning, deleting  
7 height limitations on hedges; and amending  
8 Ordinance 3292, Section 1, Resolution  
25789, Section 2414, and KCC 21.48.160.

9 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

10 SECTION 1. Ordinance 3292, Section 1, Resolution 25789,  
11 Section 2414 and KCC 21.48.160 are hereby amended to read as  
12 follows:

13 Location of wall ((+)) or fence ((or-hedge)). In any R, S  
14 and A zones a wall ((+)) or fence ((or-hedge)) is permitted  
15 under the following conditions:

16 ((+1)) A. Where a fence ((or-hedge)) is located directly  
17 on the ground, the height of the fence shall be the vertical  
18 distance from the top board, rail or wire to the ground  
19 directly below the fence; where a masonry wall is used as a  
20 fence, the height shall be the vertical distance from the top  
21 surface of the wall to the ground on the high side of the wall.

22 ((+2)) B. In any zone a wall ((+)) or fence ((or-hedge))  
23 not more than six feet in height may be located and maintained  
24 on any part of a lot; in any S or A zones, open mesh and wire  
25 fences not exceeding six feet in height may be located anywhere  
26 on the lot, provided ((+))

27 ((A)--Where)) where a lot rears upon an alley any such  
28 wall ((+)) or fence ((or-hedge)) along the lot rear line shall  
29 contain a gate affording access to the alley ((+)).

30 ((B)--No wall, fence or hedge shall be constructed which  
31 creates a traffic safety hazard as determined by the King  
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1 ~~County-Department-of-Public-Works.))~~

2 ((3)) C. Where a retaining wall protecting a cut below  
3 the natural grade is located on the line separating lots or  
4 parcels, such retaining wall may be topped by a fence ((r)) or  
5 wall ((~~or-hedge~~)) of the same height that would otherwise be  
6 permitted at the location if no retaining wall existed, and the  
7 top of the retaining wall shall be considered the bottom of the  
8 fence;

9 ((4)) D. Where a retaining wall contains a fill, the  
10 height of the retaining wall built to retain the fill shall be  
11 considered as contributing to the permissible height of a wall  
12 ((r)) or fence ((~~or-hedge~~)) and shall be measured from the  
13 ground on the low side, provided that in any event a protective  
14 fence not more than forty-two inches in height may be erected  
15 at the top of the retaining wall and any portion of such fence  
16 above the six foot maximum height shall be open-work fence; and  
17 open-work fence means a fence in which the component solid por-  
18 tions are evenly distributed and constitute not more than fifty  
19 percent of the total surface area at the face of the fence.

20 ((5)) E. Electric fences shall not be permitted in any  
21 R zone.

22 ((6)) F. No fences shall be located in any public  
23 right-of-way.

24 ((7)) G. Any fence exceeding a height of six feet, and  
25 any retaining wall exceeding a height of forty-eight inches  
26 shall require a building permit; the provisions and conditions  
27 of this section shall not apply to fences required by state law  
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1 to surround and enclose public utility installations, or to  
2 chain link fences enclosing school grounds and public  
3 playgrounds.

4 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 17th day  
5 of May, 1982.

6 PASSED this 19th day of July, 1982.

7 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
8 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

9 Lois North  
10 Chairman

11 ATTEST:

12 Dorothy M. Quinn DEPUTY  
13 Clerk of the Council

14 APPROVED this 30th day of July, 1982

15 Randy Ruess  
16 King County Executive