

ORDINANCE NO. 25-_____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 910 (FENCES AND WALLS) OF PART 9 (LANDSCAPING AND GREEN SPACE) OF ARTICLE 4 (DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS AND INCENTIVES) OF CHAPTER 7 (UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS 2001, AS AMENDED, PERTAINING TO BATTERY-CHARGED ELECTRIC FENCING AND SECURITY DETECTION FENCING SYSTEMS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. Section 910 (Fences and Walls) of Part 9 (Landscape and Green Space) of Article 4 (Development Standards and Incentives) of Chapter 7 (Unified Development Code) of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

7.4.910: FENCES AND WALLS:

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B. Location and Maximum Height: Except in the HS-O district or **as** otherwise stated in this Section 7.4.910, fences or walls less than seven (7) feet in height may be placed anywhere on a property, provided the fence complies with the following additional standards:

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D. Fence and Wall Materials:

1. Fences and walls may include masonry walls, solid wood fencing, chain-link fencing with permahedge inserts, or chain-link fencing with opaque slats. The specific type of screening materials shall be determined in conjunction with the review of a Development Plan where one is required. ~~Examples of acceptable fencing types are shown below.~~

2. Exterior use of tarps, plastic sheeting, polypropylene, or other similar materials as flexible or inflexible screening or fencing is prohibited when visible from beyond the property boundaries, except for City-installed or

maintained snow fence or as part of active construction or remodeling project or as illustrated ~~as part of~~ **in** a City-approved construction or grading and erosion control plan.

3. The use of barbed wire, razor wire, or electric shock fencing shall be prohibited except as discussed below:

a. Commercial or Industrial Uses:

(1) Barbed wire or razor wire is permitted at a height six (6) feet or higher above existing grade.

(2) Battery-charged electric fencing, which includes electrified fencing and electronic fence detection systems, is permitted. An electronic fence detection system interfaces with an alarm system in a manner that enables the fence to cause the connected alarm system to transmit a signal intended to summon law enforcement. An electrified fence has an energizer that is driven by a commercial storage battery that is not more than twelve (12) volts of direct current. The following requirements apply to battery-charged electric fencing:

i. **Battery-charged electric fences are not authorized on residential property.**

ii. **Battery-charged electric fences that produce an electric charge on contact must not exceed energizer characteristics set for electric fence energizers by the International Electrotechnical Commission, as published in the Commission's standards on June 29, 2018, as may be amended.**

iii. **Battery-charged electric fences must be completely surrounded by a nonelectric perimeter fence or wall that is not less than five feet in height. The battery-charged electric fence cannot be higher than ten (10) feet in height, or two (2) feet higher than the height of the nonelectric perimeter fence or wall, whichever is greater. The nonelectric perimeter fence or wall shall be separated from the battery-operated fence by at least four (4) inches.**

iv. Battery-charged electric fences must comply with the requirements set forth in this UDC.

v. Battery-charged electric fences must be marked with conspicuous warning signs that are located on said fence at not less than thirty (30) foot intervals and that read: "WARNING--ELECTRIC FENCE." Signs must be no less than four (4) inches by eight (8) inches in dimension, yellow with black inscriptions, and lettering must be a minimum of one (1) inch high.

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Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its final adoption and publication as provided by Charter.

Section 3. Council deems it appropriate that this ordinance be published by title and summary prepared by the City Clerk and that this ordinance be available for inspection and acquisition in the office of the City Clerk.

Introduced, read, passed on first reading and ordered published this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Finally passed: _____

Lynette Iverson-Crow, Council President

Mayor's Action:

- ☐ Approved on _____.
- ☐ Disapproved on _____, based on the following objections:

Blessing A. Mobolade, Mayor

Council Action After Disapproval:

- ☐ Council did not act to override the Mayor's veto.
- ☐ Finally adopted on a vote of _____, on _____.
- ☐ Council action on _____ failed to override the Mayor's veto.

Lynette Crow-Iverson, Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk