

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG**  
**ORDINANCE NO: 23/09**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH'S ZONING REGULATIONS,  
CHAPTER 28, LAND DEVELOPMENT, TO REVISE ARTICLE 28-500  
REGULATING FENCES AND WALLS**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Watchung,  
in the County of Somerset and State of New Jersey as follows:

**Section 1.** Section 28-502 entitled "Fences and Walls" of Article 28-500 entitled  
"Conditional Uses, Fences & Walls, Signs, Parking and Special Zoning Provisions" of Chapter  
28 entitled "Land Development" of the Code of the Borough of Watchung is hereby  
supplemented and amended to read as follows: [New language **bold and underlined** and  
deleted language ~~double strikethrough~~.]

**28-502. Fences and Walls**

Fences and walls may be erected on a lot, subject to the following provisions:

**A. General Requirements.**

1. In a residential district, a fence or wall may be erected to a total height of four  
(4) feet above the ground, except that the supporting post may extend to a height  
of four and one-half (4 1/2) feet above the ground. However:
  - (a) Fences shall **not be more than** ~~be no more than~~ fifty (50%) percent solid;
  - (b) An estate fence may be erected to a height of six (6) feet above the  
ground, except that the supporting post may extend to a height of six and  
one-half (6 1/2) feet above the ground, **and shall not have spikes or  
points. Estate fences may be permitted around the entire border of  
the property, including the front yard.**
  - (c) Fences may be erected from the front edge of a residence and may extend  
into the side and rear yards to enclose an area ending at an edge  
~~perpendicular~~ **of the lot** to the front of the residence at a height of six  
(6) feet above the ground, except that the supporting post may extend to  
a height of six and one half (6 1/2) feet above ground. Fences erected  
pursuant to the within subsection are not required to comply with  
subsection (a) above.