

ORDINANCE NO. 1944

TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 254

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF LAUREL MARYLAND UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, CHAPTER 20, ARTICLE I, ZONING, DIVISION 1, DEFINITIONS, SECTION 20-1.7, AND DIVISION 9, “EXCEPTIONS AND SUPPLEMENTS TO REGULATIONS, SECTION 20-20.5 “FENCES AND WALLS,” TO ALLOW ELECTRIC SECURITY FENCES IN THE INDUSTRIAL GENERAL (IG) AND INDUSTRIAL COMMERCIAL SERVICES (ICS) ZONES OF THE CITY OF LAUREL, MARYLAND; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Sponsored by the President at the request of the Administration.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland adopted City Ordinance Number 1702, Text Amendment Number 223, on March 28, 2011 approving a Unified Land Development Code including all requirements for development within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Unified Land Development (Code) contains standards, requirements and regulations for fences and walls and;

WHEREAS, City staff recommends that the Code be amended to allow electric security fences in the Industrial General (IG) and Industrial Commercial Services (ICS) zones and establish requirements for the fences.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland that Chapter 20, Article I, Division 1, Section 20-1.7 and Division 9, Section 20-20.5. of the Code is amended as follows:

Chapter 20

LAND DEVELOPMENT AND SUBDIVISION

**ARTICLE I.
ZONING**

**DIVISION 1
DEFINITIONS**

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SECTION 20-1.7. DEFINITIONS

Electric Security Fences. A fence intended to guard property against unauthorized entry, and to protect stored goods and products from theft and other unauthorized handling. The electric security fence shall not exceed ten (10) feet in height and shall be surrounded by a non-electric security fence that is at least five (5) feet in height.

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DIVISION 9

EXCEPTIONS AND SUPPLEMENTS TO ZONE REGULATIONS

Sec. 20-20.5. - Fences and walls.

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(h) No fences with cutting edges, including, but not limited to, fences using razor, ribbon, or concertina wire, shall be permitted within the City.

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(j) An Electric Security Fence shall comply with the following:

(1) The definition of an “Electric Security Fence” as set forth in Section 20-1.7;

(2) An Electric Security Fence shall be permitted on a property in the Industrial General (IG) and Industrial Commercial Services (ICS) zones.

(3) Prior to the issuance of a fence or electrical permit, an amended site and landscape plan, to include the location, height, design and style of the fence, shall be approved by the Planning Commission;

(4) An Electric Security Fence shall not exceed ten (10) feet in height and shall be surrounded by a non-electrified fence that is at least five (5) feet in height. The building line and yard requirements shall not apply to an electric security fence.

(5) The non-electric perimeter fence surrounding the electric security fence, shall have a minimum of a one (1) foot setback from the property line. A landscape buffer shall be installed around the non-electric fence.

(6) All Electric Security Fences shall install an emergency access device (Knox box) in the event emergency services or City of Laurel Police shall need to access the property.

(7) Warning signs in both English and Spanish shall be placed every ten (10) feet along the perimeter of the electric security fence and shall be maintained in good condition at all times.

(8) A fence permit shall be required for both the electrical security and non-electric perimeter fence.

(9) An electrical permit shall be required for the electrical security fence, and the voltage shall not exceed twelve (12) volts.

AND, BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect

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on the date of its passage.

PASSED this ___ day of _____, 2019.

ATTEST:

KIMBERLEY A. RAU, MMC
Clerk to the City Council

FREDERICK SMALLS
President of the City Council

APPROVED this ___ day of _____, 2019.

CRAIG A. MOE
Mayor