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Purpose: This document clarifies the requirements of and establishes the procedures for an alternate material that can be utilized for temporary construction fences

Related Code Section(s): BC 3307.7

Subject(s): Fences; Fencing, Construction Site

Section BC 3307.7 states, in part:

“When required by this code, fences shall be at least 8 feet high, and constructed of wood or other suitable material. They shall be built solid for their entire length, except for openings with solid sliding or in swinging gates as are required for the proper prosecution of the work, and for viewing panels, which shall be blocked with plexiglass or equivalent nonfrangible material”

Chain link fence that complies with all of the following shall be deemed “suitable material” as an alternate to wood fencing pursuant to Section BC 3307.7:

1. Temporary chain link fence may be utilized at construction sites within low density Residential Zoning District R-1 through R-4 without commercial district overlays, for one- and two-family buildings that are along roads that are 60 feet or less in width measured from property line to property line, and provided such proposed building’s street wall is set back a minimum of 10 feet from the street line.
2. Chain link fence must be made of new materials or salvaged chain link fence in good condition.
3. Gate(s) must be fabricated with the same material used for chain link fencing.
4. Chain link fence posts shall be galvanized steel pipe of a diameter that provides rigidity. Posts shall be suitable for setting in concrete footings, for driving into the ground, or for inserting in precast concrete blocks. Such posts shall be spaced in a manner that maintains the required rigidity to form a safe exterior fence.
5. The chain link fence shall be constructed of woven, galvanized steel wire mesh and shall be of sufficient strength and rigidity, and
6. The chain link fence shall be covered with an opaque sturdy cloth “windscreen” fabric at all locations. Fabric shall be provided with grommets and securely attached to the fence with wire or similar methods. Fabric and fence shall be maintained in a neat, rigid and taut appearance.

In the application for permit, chain link fence shall be clearly identified as being utilized as an alternate material for temporary site construction fencing.