

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL
2009 Legislative Session**

Bill No. CB-22-2009

Chapter No. 13

Proposed and Presented by The Chairman (by request – County Executive)

Introduced by Council Members Olson, Dernoga and Turner

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction June 23, 2009

ZONING BILL

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 Fences and Walls

3 For the purpose of defining how fences and walls are measured and prohibiting barbed, razor
4 wire and electrically charged/energized fences and walls.

5 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

6 Sections 27-420, 27-447 and 27-465,

7 The Zoning Ordinance of Prince George's County, Maryland,

8 being also

9 SUBTITLE 27. ZONING.

10 The Prince George's County Code

11 (2007 Edition, 2008 Supplement).

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
13 Maryland, sitting as the District Council for that part of the Maryland-Washington Regional
14 District in Prince George's County, Maryland, that Sections 27-420, 27-447 and 27-465 of the
15 Zoning Ordinance of Prince George's County, Maryland, being also Subtitle 27 of the Prince
16 George's County Code, be and the same are hereby repealed and reenacted with the following
17 amendments:

18 **SUBTITLE 27. ZONING.**

19 **PART 5. RESIDENTIAL ZONES.**

20 **DIVISION 1. GENERAL.**

1 **Sec. 27-420. Fences and Walls.**

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3 (d) Walls and fences more than four (4) feet high (above the finished grade, measured
4 from the top of the fence to grade on the side of the fence where the grade is the lowest) shall be
5 considered structures requiring building permits.

6 (e) Stranded barbed and/or razor wire are prohibited on all fences and walls, except for
7 land that is assessed for agricultural use.

8 (f) Electrically charged/energized fences are prohibited, except for land that is assessed for
9 agricultural use.

10 **PART 6. COMMERCIAL ZONES.**

11 **DIVISION 1. GENERAL.**

12 **Sec. 27-447. Fences and Walls.**

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14 (b) Walls and fences more than four (4) feet high (above the finished grade, measured
15 from the top of the fence to grade on the side of the fence where the grade is the lowest) shall be
16 considered structures requiring building permits.

17 (c) Stranded barbed and/or razor wire are prohibited on all fences and walls, except for
18 land that is assessed for agricultural use.

19 **PART 7. INDUSTRIAL ZONES.**

20 **DIVISION 1. GENERAL.**

21 **Sec. 27-465. Fences and Walls.**

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23 (b) Walls and fences more than four (4) feet high (above the finished grade, measured
24 from the top of the fence to grade on the side of the fence where the grade is the lowest) shall be
25 considered structures requiring building permits.
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28 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act shall not apply
29 to fences retaining livestock, including horses, as a permitted use on properties as of July 1,
30 2009.

1 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Ordinance shall take effect forty-five
2 (45) calendar days after its adoption.

Adopted this 21st day of July, 2009.

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COUNTY, MARYLAND, SITTING AS THE
DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THAT PART OF
THE MARYLAND-WASHINGTON REGIONAL
DISTRICT IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY,
MARYLAND

BY: _____
Marilynn M. Bland
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council

KEY:
Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.
Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.