

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL
2019 Legislative Session**

Bill No. CB-34-2019

Chapter No. 25

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Ivey

Introduced by Council Members Ivey, Hawkins, Anderson-Walker, Franklin & Glaros

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction July 23, 2019

ZONING BILL

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 Industrial Zones

3 For the purpose of providing additional regulations for fences and walls in the Industrial Zones.

4 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

5 Section 27-465,

6 The Zoning Ordinance of Prince George’s County, Maryland,

7 being also

8 **SUBTITLE 27. ZONING.**

9 The Prince George’s County Code

10 (2015 Edition, 2017 Supplement).

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15 County Code, be and the same is hereby repealed and reenacted with the following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

17 **SUBTITLE 27. ZONING.**

18 **PART 7. INDUSTRIAL ZONES.**

19 **DIVISION 1. GENERAL.**

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1 **Sec. 27-465. Fences and walls.**

2 (a) Unless otherwise provided, fences and walls (including retaining walls) more than six
3 (6) feet high shall not be located in any required yard, and shall meet the setback requirements
4 for main buildings. (See Figure 42.)

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

8 (c) Except for land used for installation and operation of high-voltage equipment at
9 substations for electrical generation, transmission, and distribution in connection with
10 providing public utility service in the County by a regulated public utility, barbed wire shall be
11 prohibited in the U-L-I Zone where visible from any street with a right-of-way width of at least
12 eighty (80) feet, or land in a residential zone (or land proposed to be used for residential
13 purposes on an approved Basic Plan for a Comprehensive Design Zone, any approved
14 Conceptual or Detailed Site Plan, or M-U-TC Zone Development Plan).

15 (d) Except for fences less than four (4) feet in height, fences not requiring a permit, and
16 fences on land assessed as agricultural uses, all structural support (vertical posts and horizontal
17 rails) shall face the interior of the subject lot. (See Figure 42.1).

18 (e) Electric security fences more than six (6) feet high, but no more than ten (10) feet
19 high, may be located in any required yard and shall not be required to meet the setback
20 requirements for main buildings set forth in (a) above, if the electric security fence is
21 located on the interior side of a non-electrical fence that is at least six (6) feet high. Any
22 fence erected on a corner lot shall satisfy the provisions of Section 27-466. A voltage and
23 shock hazard sign shall be attached to the electric security fence at intervals along the
24 fence not exceeding thirty (30) feet. Any electric security fence exceeding twelve (12)
25 volts shall require a variance from the Chief Electrical inspector or designee pursuant to
26 Subtitle 9. Notwithstanding the above, an electrical security fence more than six (6) feet
27 high, but not more than ten (10) feet high shall meet the setback requirement along any lot
28 line shared with a property that is residentially or commercially zoned unless a variance is
29 approved by the Board of Appeals.
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1 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Ordinance shall take effect forty-five
2 (45) calendar days after its adoption

Adopted this 29th day of October , 2019.

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

BY: _____
Todd M. Turner
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Acting 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.