

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-_____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 166-37 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF LATROBE, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

WHEREAS, the City of Latrobe has sought recommendations from the City of Latrobe's Planning Commission and the Westmoreland County Planning Department with regard to amendments to the Code regarding fences; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it enacted and ordained by the Council of the City of Latrobe, and the City of Latrobe hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 166-37 – Fences shall be amended as follows:

A. Fences in Required Side or Rear Yards (Residential Use):

- (1) Fences must be placed at least two (2) feet from the property line, unless the abutting property owner provides written consent for placement on the common property line.
- (2) The finished side of the fence must face the neighboring property.
- (3) Fences shall not exceed six (6) feet in height.
- (4) Fences must be constructed at grade level, without placement on mounds, hills, fill, or other artificial elevations.
- (5) Walls or fences shall be compatible with architectural style and building materials, shall be constructed of appropriate materials, including, but not limited to iron grating, wood, stone, vinyl or brick, and shall provide the required degree of opacity, durability and aesthetic compatibility with the surrounding context.

B. Fences in Required Front Yards (Residential Use):

- (1) No fences may be erected in any required front yard of a residential property.

C. Chain Link Fences for Schools, Playgrounds, or Parks:

- (1) Chain link fences may be erected in any required yard, no exceeding eight (8) feet in height.
- (2) Such fences must be placed at least two (2) feet from the property line, unless the abutting property owner provides written consent for placement on the common property line.

D. Fences in Commercial or Industrial Use:

- (1) Chain link or solid fences may be erected in any required yard, not exceeding eight (8) feet in heights.

(2) Such fences must be placed at least two (2) feet from the property line, unless the abutting property owner provides written consent for placement on the common property line.

E. Permit Requirement:

(1) No fence shall be constructed without first obtaining a permit from the City of Latrobe.

F. Banned Fence Types:

(1) Electric or electrified fences are prohibited on all properties.

(2) Barbed wire and razor wire are prohibited on all properties.

SECTION 2. That all other provisions of Chapter 166, not repealed or amended herein, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. That the within Ordinance shall take effect on the date of publication of the post-enactment notice of passage of the same.

SECTION 4. That the City Manager, the City Secretary, Mayor, and any other proper City officer is authorized and directed to execute any and all documents and to take any and all action necessary in order to carry in effect the within ordinance.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
LATROBE

Janina Hall
Secretary

By:

Eric Bartels
Mayor