



County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development

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GENERAL FENCE REGULATIONS FOR CANNABIS CULTIVATION IN AGRICULTURAL ZONES

Table 3-3 Fence Height and Permit Requirements in Agricultural Zones

Fence Location	Permit Requirement		
	Exempt from Planning Permit (1) (2)	Land Use or Coastal Development Permit Required (2)	Minor Conditional Use Permit Required
Within required front setback	Fence 6 ft or less in height; gatepost 8 ft or less in height	Fence more than 6 ft high; gatepost more than 8 ft high	Not Applicable
Within side and rear setbacks	Fence 8 ft or less in height; gatepost 10 ft or less in height	Fence more than 8 ft high; gatepost more than 10 ft high	Not Applicable
Within interior lot setback 20 ft or less from a street right-of-way	Fence 6 ft or less in height; gatepost 8 ft or less in height	Fence more than 6 ft high; gatepost more than 8 ft high	Not Applicable
Within interior lot setback more than 20 ft from a street right-of-way	Fence 8 ft or less in height; gatepost 10 ft or less in height	Fence more than 8 ft high; gatepost more than 10 ft high	Not Applicable
Outside of a required setback	Fence 8 ft or less in height; gatepost 10 ft or less in height	Fence more than 8 ft high; gatepost more than 10 ft high	Not Applicable

Notes:

(1) Within the Coastal Zone, fences shall be exempt only if the development will:

- a. Not be located within or adjacent to a wetland, beach, environmentally sensitive habitat area or on or within 50 feet of a coastal bluff; and
- b. Not result in any potential adverse effects to public access to the beach or public hiking and equestrian trails (including where there is substantive evidence of prescriptive rights); and
- c. Not result in significant adverse impacts to scenic views from beaches, parklands, public viewing areas, and public roadways.

If the fence does not meet the preceding criteria for an exemption, than a Coastal Development Permit in compliance with [Section 35.82.050 \(Coastal Development Permits\)](#) is required.

(2) See Subsection C.2.a regarding entrance gates on property zoned AG-II located in the Inland area.

The following additional regulations apply to cannabis cultivation as set forth in § 35.42.075.C.2 – Fencing and Security Plan of the Land Use and Development Code (adopted February 27, 2018).

- All fencing and/or walls shall be made out of material that blends into the surrounding terrain and shall minimize visual impacts.
- If a fence has the potential to impact wildlife habitat areas, additional regulations apply.
- Prohibited fencing materials include razor wire, tarps, dust guard fencing, privacy netting or polyethylene plastic.
- The fence shall include lockable gates that are locked at all times, except during ingress/egress.

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