

1 Introduced by Council Member Ferraro and amended by the Land Use
2 and Zoning Committee:

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5 **ORDINANCE 2020-27-E**

6 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE SUPPLEMENTARY AND
7 MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS OF THE ZONING CODE;
8 AMENDING SECTION 656.402 (RESIDENTIAL
9 DISTRICTS), PART 4 (SUPPLEMENTARY
10 REGULATIONS), SUBPART B (MISCELLANEOUS
11 REGULATIONS), CHAPTER 656 (ZONING CODE),
12 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A FENCE UP TO SIX
13 FEET IN HEIGHT IN THE REQUIRED FRONT YARD OF A
14 SINGLE FAMILY USE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES;
15 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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17 **WHEREAS**, Section 656.402, *Ordinance Code*, among other things,
18 sets forth the requirements for fence heights in residential
19 districts; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Section 656.402, *Ordinance Code*, limits fences in
21 front yards of properties in residential districts to be no more
22 than four feet in height, except in circumstances where a lot has
23 more than one front yard, in which case the approval for a fence up
24 to eight feet in height is allowed in one required yard; and

25 **WHEREAS**, many single family use standalone lots abutting
26 streets or roads are located in rural and agricultural areas and as
27 such these lots deserve the privacy and protection of appropriate
28 buffering mechanisms and should be allowed to construct fences in
29 the required front yard provided they are set back from the roadway
30 so as not to create safety issues for motorists, bicyclists and the
31 general public; and

1 **WHEREAS**, it is the intent of Council to afford such situated
2 residences such security under certain circumstances; now,
3 therefore

4 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

5 **Section 1. Amending Section 656.402 (Residential**
6 **Districts), Ordinance Code.** Section 656.402 (Residential
7 Districts), Part 4 (Supplementary Regulations), Subpart B
8 (Miscellaneous Regulations), Chapter 656 (Zoning Code), *Ordinance*
9 *Code*, is hereby amended as follows:

10 **CHAPTER 656. ZONING CODE.**

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12 **PART 4. SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS.**

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14 **SUBPART B. MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS.**

15 **Sec. 656.402. Residential districts.**

16 In addition to other provisions of the Zoning Code, the
17 following supplementary regulations shall apply to all residential
18 districts:

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20 (b) Notwithstanding other provisions of the Zoning Code, fences,
21 walls and hedges may be permitted in a required yard;
22 provided, however, that no fence or wall in excess of eight
23 feet in height shall be permitted in a residential district;
24 and provided further, that no fence in excess of four feet in
25 height shall be permitted in a required front yard in a
26 residential district except that a fence up to eight feet in
27 height may be allowed in one required front yard of a lot
28 with more than one front yard if such fence is approved as
29 part of the site plan or sketch plan approval pursuant to
30 Section 656.404 or Chapter 654 (Subdivision Regulations).
31 Notwithstanding, a fence up to six feet in height shall be

