

COMMISSIONERS OF OXFORD

Ordinance No. 2006

Introduced by: Commissioner Gordon Graves

Date: July 14, 2020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF OXFORD TO AMEND SECTION 32.12 OF THE OXFORD ZONING ORDINANCE ENTITLED "FENCES" TO ELIMINATE THE ABILITY TO OBTAIN A SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FENCES HIGHER THAN THE HEIGHT ESTABLISHED BY THE ZONING ORDINANCE

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted, and public hearing scheduled on August 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Oxford Town Meeting Room, Market Street, Oxford, Maryland 21654.

By Order _____
Town Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance Number 1904 of the Town of Oxford was duly read, advertised, and enacted in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Charter of the Town of Oxford on this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Attest: _____
Cheryl Lewis, Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Oxford

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WHEREAS, the Town of Oxford is authorized by the Maryland Code Ann. Land Use Article § 4-202 to adopt such zoning regulations as it determines are in the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance 1213, the Commissioners of Oxford adopted the Oxford Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has recommended the proposed amendment to ensure that fences do not exceed four (4) feet in height and to ensure uniformity in the application of the Town’s zoning regulations, consistent with the Town Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have determined that it is desirable and in the public interest to amend Section 32.12 of the Oxford Zoning Ordinance, titled “Fences” as recommended by the Planning Commission, to ensure that the Town’s zoning regulations are applied uniformly.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners of Oxford hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. The Oxford Zoning Ordinance, Section 32.12 is hereby amended as follows:

32.12 – Fences.

- A. No wall or fence shall be erected in excess of a height of four (4) feet, except that fence posts and ornamental gates may be four and one-half (4 1/2) feet in height.
- ~~B. A fence or wall in excess of the height limitations established herein shall only be permitted, if at all, as a special exception use, and the Board of Appeals shall have the authority to grant such a special exception use in all zoning districts, and to~~

~~impose conditions concerning maintenance and materials, in addition to any other reasonable conditions.~~

~~CB.~~ Except that fences surrounding public swimming pools and pools which serve places of public accommodation may be 6 feet in height.

~~D.~~ ~~All other provisions of the Zoning Ordinance permitting swimming pool fences in excess of four feet are hereby repealed.~~

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect on the _____ day of _____, 2020.

Section 3. This ordinance and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders and matters established and adopted hereby shall take effect and be in full force and effect twenty (20) days from and after the date of its final passage and adoption.

ENACTED this _____ day of _____, 2020.

COMMISSIONERS OF OXFORD:

Gordon Fronk, President

Gordon Graves, Commissioner

John Pepe, Commissioner

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance Number 2006 of the Town of Oxford was duly read, advertised, and enacted with the applicable provisions of the Charter of the Town of Oxford on this _____ day of _____, 2020.

ATTEST:

Cheryl Lewis
Clerk-Treasurer

Language in ***bold and italicized*** reflects language added
Language ~~stricken~~ reflects language to be deleted