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SANTA FE COUNTY
Ordinance No. 2000 - Q

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ART. III, SECTION 2.3.6, Height Restrictions For Dwellings Or Residential Accessory Structures, ART. III, 4.4.4 F 13) B. Screening And Buffering For Residential Uses, AND ART. X, DEFINITIONS OF THE SANTA FE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, COUNTY ORDINANCE 1996-10, TO CREATE HEIGHT STANDARDS FOR WALLS AND FENCES FOR RESIDENTIAL USES.

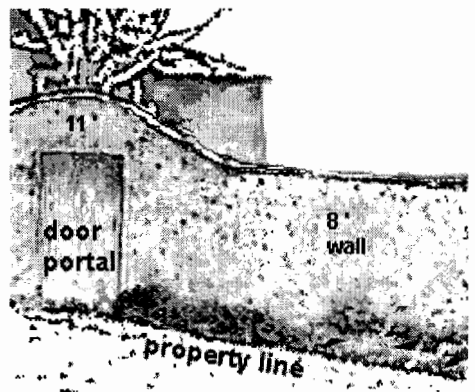
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY THAT THE SANTA FE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

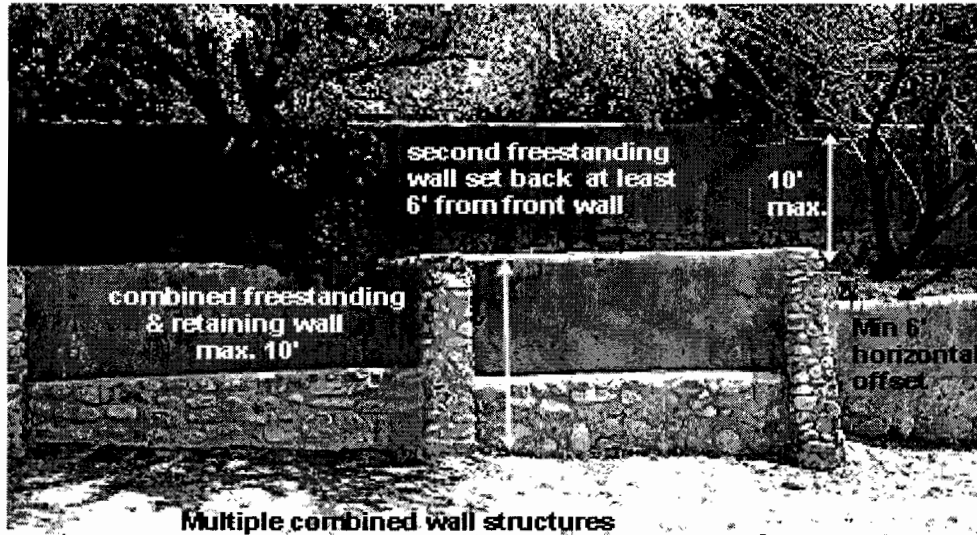
A new subsection Art. III, 2.3.6 d., creating height standards for walls and fences and requiring Development Permits for some walls and fences, is added as follows:

2.3.6 d. Walls and Fences

1. The maximum height of walls or fences shall not exceed eight feet (8'); the height of pedestrian door or gate portals built into a wall or fence shall not exceed eleven feet (11').



1 2 The combined height of any freestanding wall or fence constructed atop a
 2 retaining wall shall not exceed ten feet (10'). When a combination of freestanding wall or fence
 3 and retaining wall greater than ten feet (10') is needed, multiple retaining wall or combined wall
 4 structures shall be used. Each retaining wall shall be set back a minimum of six horizontal feet
 5 (6') from face of wall to face of wall and shall be a maximum of ten feet (10') in height. Setback
 6 area grading shall not exceed a one percent (1%) cross slope and walls shall be screened in
 7 accordance with subsection 2.3.10c.
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 11 3. Development Permits as set forth in Article II, Section 2.3.1 are required for
 12 walls and fences as follows:

- 13 a. any wall or opaque fence greater than six feet (6');
 14 b. any retaining wall;
 15 c. any wall or opaque fence built atop a retaining wall where the total
 16 height of the structure is greater than six feet (6');
 17 d. any wall or opaque fence crossing a stream, existing trail, arroyo or
 18 drainage channel.

19 e. Development Permits are not required for replacement of any fences
 20 or walls existing on the date of adoption of this Ordinance (*date*) with similar structures of like
 21 size and height.

22 4. Walls or fences constructed for agricultural purposes are exempt from these
 23 standards and shall not require a Development Permit; see Article VII for terrain management
 24 standards, where applicable.

25 5. Walls and fences which fit the local traditional building materials and style,
 26 as these vary throughout the County, and which are constructed in a safe manner are encouraged.

27 6. No wall or fence shall be constructed, reconstructed or replaced in a manner
 28 which creates a hazard to pedestrian or vehicle traffic or blocks access to emergency service
 29 vehicles. Walls or fences may be required to be set back so they do not present such an
 30 obstruction.
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33 *Section 2.*

34 Art. III, 4.4.4 f 13) b. Screening and buffering for Residential Uses is amended to include a new
 35 subsection (9) setting a height standard for walls and fences as follows:

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2 (9) Walls and fences within residential developments shall conform to the height
3 restrictions of Art. III, Section 2.3.6d. Walls constructed in non-residential developments to
4 screen adjacent residential uses shall not exceed eight feet (8') in height.
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6 Section 3.

7 Art. X, DEFINITIONS is amended to change the definition of structure and to add definitions for
8 wall and opaque fence in alphabetical order and renumber definitions as appropriate as follows:
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10 1.130 Structure - means anything constructed or installed or portable, the use of which requires
11 a location on, above or under a parcel of land, including without limitation a dwelling, a
12 movable structure while it is located on land, usable for housing, business, commercial,
13 storage, agricultural or office purposes either temporarily or permanently; advertising
14 signs, billboards; poles; pipelines, transmission lines and tracks; provided, however, that
15 structure does not include ~~fences~~ and signs used for advertising consisting of less than
16 three (3) square feet. "Structure" does not mean walls or fences of six feet (6') or less
17 in height, telephone booths, swimming pools, wells, septic tanks, drainfields, cesspools
18 or privies
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20 Wall - a solid upright barrier, usually constructed of, but not limited to, concrete block, adobe
21 brick or stone, used to enclose or screen areas of land. Walls that are part of a building
22 are not included in this definition. See Building.
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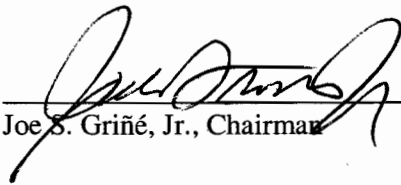
24 Retaining wall - a wall for holding in place a mass of earth or other material.
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26 Fence, Opaque - a barrier constructed to enclose or screen areas of land, of solid material and/or
27 in such a manner that the area enclosed cannot be clearly seen through it. For example,
28 coyote fences or chain link fences with slats are opaque; barbed wire and pole fences are
29 usually not.
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32 Severability
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34 If any part of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is
35 held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance and its application to other persons or
36 circumstances shall not be affected thereby.
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41 PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 8th day of February 2000 by the Santa Fe
42 County Board of County Commissioners.
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Denice Brown
Denice Brown, County Attorney

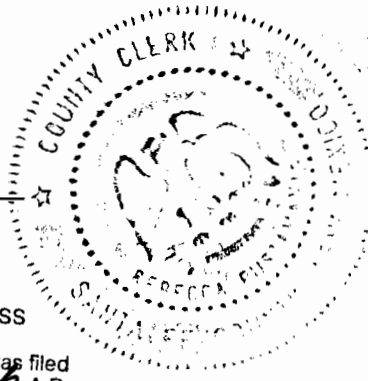
CERTIFICATE OF FILING

I, Rebecca Bustamante, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance, designated as Ordinance, No. 2000 - 01, was filed in my office on the 9 day of Feb, 2000 in book Number 1734 at Page 876-879.

SANTA FE COUNTY CLERK

Rebecca Bustamante
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COUNTY OF SANTA FE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
I hereby certify that this instrument was filed
for record on the 9 day of Feb A.D.
20 00 at 3:21 o'clock P
and was duly recorded in book 1734
page 876-879 of the records of
Santa Fe County.



Witness my Hand and Seal of Office
Rebecca Bustamante
County Clerk, Santa Fe County, N.M.

Marcella Soloz
Deputy