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**Ordinance No. 25,370**

**ORDINANCE RELATING TO ZONING AND PLANNING, AMENDING THE OKLAHOMA CITY MUNICIPAL CODE, 2010, CHAPTER 59, ARTICLE XII, SECTION 59-12200.3B.(1)(n), BY CREATION OF A NEW SUB-SECTION, 59-12200.3B(1)(n)4 REGARDING DECORATIVE ENTRYWAYS OVER A DRIVEWAY.**

**ORDINANCE**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY:**

**SECTION 1.** That Section 59-12200.3B(1) in Article XII, of Chapter 59 of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code, 2010, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 59**

**ZONING AND PLANNING CODE**

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**ARTICLE XII. SITE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS**

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**§ 59-12200. STANDARDS FOR ACCESSORY BUILDINGS,  
STRUCTURES AND USES**

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*12200.3 Standards for Accessory Structures and Uses*

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**B. *Fences***

Fences shall be permitted subject to the permit requirements of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code.

- (1) *Front Yard Fence.* A front yard fence shall be defined as a fence located within the required front yard setback area for all structures or in front of the front wall of the main building on the site.

It shall be considered a structure and shall be subject to the regulation of structures in this chapter and Chapter 12, Buildings

and Building Regulations. It shall be permitted subject to the following conditions and requirements:

- (a) A permit fee in the amount established by ordinance shall be required.
- (b) Regardless of the fence regulations contained herein, the property owner is advised that there may be more restrictive privately enforced regulations in the form of plat restrictions, declarations of covenants and restrictions relating to architectural controls, deed restrictions or platted setback lines that may further limit the construction of a fence on a parcel.
- (c) Staff shall review an application for a front yard fence and ensure that the conditions and requirements contained herein are satisfied before granting approval of said application. Prior to such approval, the Fire Department shall review and comment on the fence, if appropriate.
- (d) The front yard fence shall be a decorative-type open fence that does not exceed four feet in height. Only chain-link, decorative ornamental metal, picket and split rail fencing shall be permitted.
  - 1. For wood picket fencing, the maximum width of the pickets shall be three and one-half inches and the minimum separation of the pickets shall be three and one-half inches.
  - 2. Decorative metal fences shall be made of ornamental metal pickets, galvanized steel, aluminum, or similar material having the appearance of decorative wrought iron and shall comply with the following;
    - i. Minimum separation of pickets shall not be less than two and one-half inches.
    - ii. Maximum picket width shall not exceed one inch square.
    - iii. Spiked caps or spears may not be used.
- (e) Site plans and elevations of the fence shall be submitted for permit review. The proposed fence shall not pose a safety or visibility hazard.

- (f) Barbed, hog or chicken wire, or single-strand fencing shall not be used, except in the agricultural or industrial zoning districts.
- (g) Staff may approve a retaining wall to address drainage or topographical problems.
- (h) A front yard fence greater than fifty feet from a residence or structure shall be equipped with a gateway having at least 16 feet of clear width. The Fire Department must approve any gate and all locking devices installed in the gateway.
- (i) No front yard fence shall be erected within 25 feet of the intersection of the right-of-way lines of any public or private street.
- (j) A front yard fence, or a front yard fence with a hedge or similar natural vegetation, shall not cause a view obstruction for any private driveway and shall not in any case be erected within 12 feet of the intersection of any private driveway and the pavement edge or maintained portion of a public or private street.
- (k) A front yard fence shall be kept in an attractive state, in good repair, and in a safe and sanitary condition at all times by the property owner.
- (l) A front yard fence shall not obstruct any public walkway even if said public walkway is on private property.
- (m) The fence shall be constructed with all braces and supports on the interior of the fence, except when both sides are of the same design and appearance.
- (n) Exception:

Front yard fences on lots one acre and larger, developed for agricultural and/or residential use, shall meet all requirements for a front yard fence as provided in Section 12200.3 B(1) except as follows:

1. The maximum height of the fence shall not exceed six feet.
2. Decorative columns constructed of brick, rock or masonry, or similar material approved by the Director, shall be permitted not to exceed two and

one half feet in width and six and one half feet in height. Said columns shall be separated a minimum of eight feet.

3. Decorative entryways constructed of brick, rock or masonry, or similar material approved by the Director, shall be permitted. Said decorative entryway shall be located each side of the driveway and shall not exceed two and one half feet in width, eight feet in height and 16 feet in length each. Gates associated with a decorative entryway shall not exceed eight feet in height.
4. Arches and similar decorative elements that span across a driveway shall have a clearance above the ground of not less than 14 feet and an overall height of not more than 25 feet. The minimum parcel size for arches and similar decorative elements that span across a driveway shall be two acres.

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**INTRODUCED AND READ** in the open meeting of the Council of The City of

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, this 29th day of March, 2016.

**PASSED** by the Council of The City of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on this 19th day of April, 2016.

**SIGNED** by the Mayor of The City of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on this 19th day of April, 2016.

**ATTEST:**

Frances Kersey  
City Clerk

s/b Mick Cornett  
MAYOR