

**POLICY NUMBER: 26-015**

**CONSTRUCTION SITE FENCING AND SCREENING**

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of requiring construction sites to be fenced is to protect the adjacent properties from construction activities and debris and to safeguard public safety by restricting public access to the construction site and to preserve the esthetics of the neighborhood and minimize construction nuisance by screening the clutter of construction, thereby ensuring the comfort, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Garden Grove.

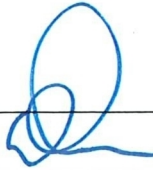
**POLICY:**

Prior to starting grading, excavation, construction of a new structure or addition and remodel to an existing structure with a combined floor area exceeding seventy-five (75) percent of the floor area of the proposed structure, the Chief Building Official shall require the site to be temporarily fenced and screened on all sides for the duration of the construction project. The height of fence shall be between seventy-two (72) and eighty-four (84) inches, and fence material shall be chain link metal fence overlaid on the exterior with an opaque vinyl screen, or other equivalent fencing and screening material as approved by the Chief Building Official.

**ANALYSIS:**

This policy requires temporary fencing and opaque screening around construction sites to enhance public safety, protect adjacent properties, and maintain neighborhood aesthetics. By mandating fencing before grading, excavation, or major construction—defined as new structures or additions and remodels exceeding 75% of the proposed floor area—it limits unauthorized access, controls debris, and reduces visual and environmental nuisances. The specified fence height (72–84 inches) and approved screening materials ensure adequate containment while allowing flexibility.

**EXCEPTION:** Where fencing on one or more side(s) is not feasible due to physical constraints or determined to be unnecessary by the Chief Building Official or his designee due to the presence of equivalent barrier(s).

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