# Altadena CSD Update: Fence, Wall and Hedge Compliance FAQs

**WHERE IS MY PROPERTY LINE?**  
The most accurate way to determine your property boundaries is through a survey. However, if you want to approximate the location of your property line you can access GIS-NET through the following link: [http://planning.lacounty.gov/gisnet](http://planning.lacounty.gov/gisnet)

**IS MY FENCE, WALL, OR HEDGE IN VIOLATION OF THE UPDATED CSD?**  
It depends on the height of the fence, wall or hedge and your lot type. Fences, walls, and hedges in the front yard measuring over 42” tall that do not have a permit were never previously allowed and cannot be “grandfathered”. This also applies to fences, walls, and hedges along the sides of your property if they are located within the front yard area. If a fence, wall, or hedge located in your front yard measures taller than 42”, and you do not have Regional Planning approval that explicitly allows the over-height fence, wall, or hedge, registration is recommended.

**WILL I BENEFIT IF I REGISTER MY FENCE, WALL, OR HEDGE LOCATED IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY?**  
No, there is no benefit for registering your fence, wall, hedge located in the public right of way since they are not eligible for registration.

Fences and walls in the public right of way are not permissible and are in violation of Los Angeles County Code Title 16. Hedges in the public right of way are permissible as long as they are adequately maintained and do not obstruct visibility of traffic from driveways and side streets.

**WILL I BE ASKED TO REMOVE MY EXISTING FENCE, WALL, OR HEDGE IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY?**  
The Department of Public Works could take enforcement action if a complaint is received. Each complaint is handled on a case-by-case basis. Dependent on investigation findings, you may be asked to remove the wall, fence, or hedge. You may also be asked to remove the wall, fence, or hedge if they conflict with a proposed Public Works street improvement project such as sidewalks, road widening, etc.

**WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON’T REGISTER?**  
Since this is a voluntary registration program, there are no penalties for non-participation. Only program participants will benefit from a timely registration. However, if your front yard fence, wall, or hedge does not meet CSD standards and is not registered, the Department of Regional Planning could take enforcement action if a complaint is received.

**CAN I MODIFY, DEMOLISH, OR BUILD A NEW FENCE AFTER REGISTRATION?**  
You may only modify the fence, wall, or hedge to bring it into compliance, or you may demolish it. Other modifications cannot be made to the registered fence, wall, or hedge. Any new fences, walls, or hedges to be built do not qualify for this program and must comply with CSD standards.

**WHAT WILL HAPPEN AFTER JANUARY 1, 2034?**  
The registration does not legalize any fences, walls, or hedges that do not meet CSD standards. Therefore, program participants must secure compliance by January 1, 2034 through modification of the over-height fence, wall, or hedge; or by obtaining the corresponding approvals. If compliance is not secured by this date, the Department of Regional Planning could take enforcement action if a complaint is received.

**HOW DO I REGISTER?**  
Applications may be submitted online or in person at any Department of Regional Planning Office and can be found online at [planning.lacounty.gov/apps](http://planning.lacounty.gov/apps).

**Downtown Los Angeles**  
320 West Temple St., 13th Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**San Gabriel Valley Field Office**  
125 S. Baldwin Ave  
Arcadia, CA 91007

For more information about the standards contained in this CSD, please contact our front counter at (213) 974-6411 or by email at: zoningldcc@planning.lacounty.gov

The full text of the CSD can be read online at: [bit.ly/AltadenaCSD2018](http://bit.ly/AltadenaCSD2018)  

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