

## CHAPTER 156

# RETAINING WALLS, TERRACES AND SLOPING YARDS

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**156.01 PURPOSE.** The purpose of this chapter is to regulate retaining walls, terraced areas, and sloping yards within the City and to provide for inspection relative to the construction of said retaining walls, terraces, and sloping yards.

**156.02 DESIGN.** All retaining walls, terraced areas, and sloping yards within the City shall be constructed and graded in accordance with requirements to be set forth in each individual instance with reference to said project by the City or its designated agent or engineer.

**156.03 REQUIREMENTS.** The requirements as set forth herein may include sketches, designs, or plans and specifications or other information deemed necessary for the construction of retaining walls, terraces, or sloping yards so as to meet said requirements as set forth by the duly appointed representatives or employees of the City, to review the plans, specifications, and requirements with reference to the construction of retaining walls, terraced areas, or sloping yards and to conduct inspections relative to the same.

1. Prior to the construction of any of the aforesaid, it is required that written application be made with reference to such construction, and there shall be included with said application either plans, specifications, or written stated intentions with reference to said project.
2. The City may require additional information if deemed necessary for proper construction in the opinion of the representative of the City.
3. There shall be required to be paid in the event that a retaining wall or terrace is constructed, an inspection fee in the sum of \$50.00. Said inspection shall consist of phases; that is, an initial inspection prior to construction, a second inspection with reference to the foundation required, if any, and a final inspection with reference to the completion of said project.
4. The City may withhold or revoke any permit relative to the construction of retaining walls, terraced areas, or sloping yards when, in its opinion, the same does not meet the requirements as set forth by the City during any phase of construction.

**156.04 PERMITS TO BE ISSUED.** A permit shall be issued for retaining walls and terraced areas; however, no written permit shall be required with reference to sloping yards greater than three feet horizontal to one foot vertical. No occupancy permits shall be issued until compliance with this chapter has been made, unless, in the opinion of the City irreparable damage will result by withholding said occupancy permit, and that it would be in the best interests of all parties that the same be issued.

**156.05 PROJECTS SUBSEQUENT TO CONSTRUCTION.** This chapter shall be deemed in full force and effect with reference to completed projects upon which retaining walls,

terraces, or sloping yards are requested at any time subsequent to the initial building. This chapter is also applicable to reconstruction of existing retainer walls, terraces, and sloping yards.

