

February 3, 2022

**ADMINISTRATIVE INTERPRETATION  
DECISION AND FINDINGS  
PLNZAD2021-01215**



**REQUEST:**

A request for an administrative interpretation regarding corrugated metal fencing material proposed for a new fence on property located in the R-1/5000 zoning district at approximately 1312 W 600 S. A determination is sought due to corrugated metal being listed as an example of materials not typically used for fencing in the prohibited materials section of the fencing ordinance, 21A.40.120.D.1.b(2). The applicant requests an interpretation of this section of code as corrugated metal has become a common material manufactured and marketed for fencing.

**DECISION:**

The Zoning Administrator finds that corrugated metal panels manufactured as a fencing material is a permitted fencing material. Corrugated metal previously used for construction unrelated to fencing is still a prohibited fencing material.

**FINDINGS:**

Subsection 21A.40.120.D.1.b identifies materials that are prohibited for fencing. There are two categories listed; scrap metal and materials not typically used or designated/manufactured for fencing. The language reads as follows:

- (1) Scrap materials such as scrap lumber and scrap metal.
- (2) Materials not typically used or designated/manufactured for fencing such as metal roofing panels, corrugated or sheet metal, tarps or plywood.

However, allowed fencing materials are described in subsection D.1.a of the same title, which states, in part:

Fences and walls shall be made of high quality, durable materials that require low maintenance. Acceptable materials include chainlink, wood, ... or other manufactured materials or combinations of materials commonly used for fencing. Other materials of similar quality and durability, but not listed herein, may be used upon approval by the Zoning Administrator through an administrative interpretation application.

Advances in fencing materials are as such that corrugated metal panels are often manufactured as a fencing material thus meeting the standard of "other manufactured materials... commonly used for fencing" identified above. Therefore, corrugated metal manufactured as a fencing material can be considered an allowed fencing material.

Salvaged corrugated metal previously used for roofing or other uses unrelated to fencing still fall under the designations of scrap materials or materials not designated/manufactured for fencing and therefore is a prohibited fencing material.

If you have any questions regarding this interpretation, please contact Katilynn Harris at (801) 535-6179 or by email at [katilynn.harris@slcgov.com](mailto:katilynn.harris@slcgov.com).

**APPEAL PROCESS:**

An applicant or any other person or entity adversely affected by a decision administering or interpreting this Title may appeal to the Appeals Hearing Officer. Notice of appeal shall be filed within ten (10) days of the administrative decision. The appeal shall be filed with the Planning Division and shall specify the decision appealed and the reasons the appellant claims the decision to be in error. Applications for appeals are located on the Planning Division website at [https:// www.slc.gov/ planning/applications/](https://www.slc.gov/planning/applications/) along with information about the applicable fee. Appeals may be filed in online at the following link:

<https://citizenportal.slcgov.com/citizen/Default.aspx>

**NOTICE:**

Please be advised that a determination finding a particular use to be a permitted use or a conditional use shall not authorize the establishment of such use nor the development, construction, reconstruction, alteration, or moving of any building or structure. It shall merely authorize the preparation, filing, and processing of applications for any approvals and permits that may be required by the codes and ordinances of the City including, but not limited to, a zoning certificate, a building permit, and a certificate of occupancy, subdivision approval, and a site plan approval.

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