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## ORDINANCE NO. 3348

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS, WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE PROVISION OF THE EDMONDS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CODE BY ADOPTION OF A NEW SECTION 17.30.035 TRELLISES AND ARBORS TO ESTABLISH AND CLARIFY THE REGULATION OF TRELLISES AND ARBORS, AND FIXING A TIME WHEN THE SAME SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

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WHEREAS, the Edmonds Planning Board has recommended to the City Council that “trellises” and “arbors” be regulated under the Edmonds Community Development Code to clarify how such structures will impact lot coverage and to further clarify what height limitations are applicable to such structures, and

WHEREAS, having considered the recommendation of its Planning Board, the City Council finds the amendment of the Edmonds Community Development Code in this respect to be consistent with the City’s Comprehensive Plan and in the best interest of the public’s health, safety and welfare, NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Edmonds Community Development Code Chapter 17.30 Fences and Hedges is hereby amended by the addition of a new section 17.30.035 Trellises and Arbors to read as follows:

1. Definitions. As used in this section, the referenced terms shall have the following definitions:
  - A. “Arbor” is a separate free-standing or attached structure that has a lattice roof and lattice walls or a horizontal lattice work structure serving to roof a gate or entrance way.
  - B. “Lattice” and/or “Lattice work” is a framework of cross wood or metal strips or a predominantly open framework of wood or metal designed for decorative purposes or landscaping purposes.
  - C. “Predominantly open” refers to a lattice work or similar decorative pattern which is designed to permit

the free flow of light and air through the framework and which is designed primarily for decorative rather than privacy or security purposes.

D. "Trellis" is a horizontal structure of open lattice work designed and intended to support the growth of vines or other vegetation or a horizontal decorative element composed of lattice work which admits light and air through a predominantly open design.

2. For the purposes of regulation under the Edmonds Community Development Code trellises shall be considered to be a fence or a part of a fence. As such, trellises shall be subject to the same height limitations as fences and permits shall be required to be obtained under the same circumstances as a fence. A trellis which has a horizontal element which is more than thirty-six (36) inches in width measured perpendicular to the fence or trellis shall be considered an arbor and subject to the siting requirements for an arbor.

3. In addition to the height limits imposed by ECDC 17.30.000(C), the following additions to a fence may be constructed without a variance:

A. A trellis up to two (2) additional feet in height to a maximum of eight (8) feet may be added as a decorative element to a fence so long as the combined length of the trellis(es) constructed facing a property line do not exceed twenty five percent (25%) of the total length of that property line.

B. A trellis up to two (2) additional feet in height to a maximum of eight (8) feet may be added as a decorative element to a fence facing a street, alley or access easement so long as the trellis remains free of any plantings, vegetation or other visual obstruction.

C. An arbor up to three (3) additional feet in height to a nine (9) foot maximum may be constructed over a gate, walkway or entrance.

Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance, being an exercise of a power specifically delegated to the City legislative body, is not subject to referendum, and shall take effect five (5) days after passage and publication of an approved summary thereof consisting of the title.

APPROVED:

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MAYOR, GARY HAAKENSEN

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

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CITY CLERK, SANDRA S. CHASE

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:

BY \_\_\_\_\_

W. SCOTT SNYDER

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: 03/02/2001

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**SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 3348**

of the City of Edmonds, Washington

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On the 6th day of March, 2001, the City Council of the City of Edmonds, passed Ordinance No. 3348. A summary of the content of said ordinance, consisting of the title, provides as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS, WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE PROVISION OF THE EDMONDS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CODE SECTION 17.30.035 TRELLISES AND ARBORS TO ESTABLISH AND CLARIFY THE DEFINITIONS OF TRELLISES AND ARBORS, AND FIXING A TIME WHEN THE SAME SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

The full text of this Ordinance will be mailed upon request.

DATED this 7th day of March, 2001.

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CITY CLERK, SANDRA S. CHASE