



Planning & Zoning FAQ

RESIDENTIAL FENCES

Q: HOW TALL CAN MY FENCE BE?

A: The height of your fence will depend on whether you have a corner lot or not. The height of the fence is measured from the finished grade of the subject property.

Fence Height in Residential Zoning Districts			
Non-Corner Lot		Corner Lot	
Front	4 feet maximum	Rear	8 feet
Rear & Side	8 feet maximum	Interior Side	8 feet
		Corner Side	When located in line with the home: 6 feet When located between the home and the right-of-way: 4

Q: WHERE CAN MY FENCE BE LOCATED?

A: We encourage property owners to put the fence just inside their property lines to avoid having to access another persons property to install or maintain the fence. Fences cannot be placed in the public right-of-way.

Q: WHAT MATERIALS ARE PERMITTED FOR MY FENCE?

A: Brick, stone, wood, wrought iron, or aluminum that looks like wrought iron; vinyl coated chain link is permitted in the side or rear yard only. Uncoated chain link is not permitted.

Q: WHAT SIDE OF THE FENCE SHOULD BE FACING OUT?

A: The finished side of the fence should face out; the unfinished side should face inwards toward your yard.

Q: DO I NEED A PERMIT TO INSTALL A FENCE?

A: A permit is not needed to install a fence unless it requires footers (typical with brick or stone walls), however, all fences must comply with the regulations referenced herein. Staff is available to do a review of your fence plan before installation to determine compliance with the regulations.

Please see Section 46-1340 for a complete list of wall, fence, and retaining wall regulations.

Please contact the Planning & Zoning Department for questions or concerns prior to installing a fence. Failure to comply with these standards may result in Code Enforcement issuing a Notice of Violation.