

Residential Fence Summary

Permit

A building permit is required for the construction of all fences. Along with the permit application submit the following:

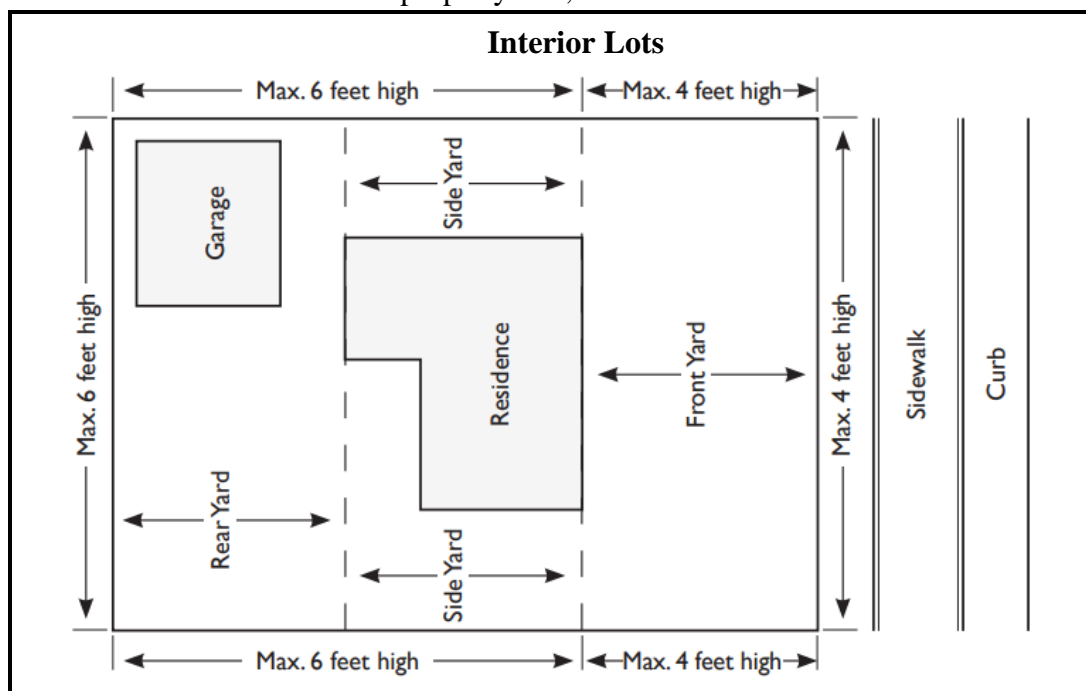
- Plat, survey, or aerial photo showing the fence location, measurements, and setbacks.
- Plans showing a cross section of the fence and the construction materials.

Location

- Fences must be placed inside the property lines. It is the owner's responsibility to verify the location of the property lines.
- It is suggested to have a surveyor locate property lines before installing fences. The city does not have surveyors on staff to perform this service.
- If the property has been previously surveyed, metal pins may be buried at the corners of the property. The metal pins can typically be located with the use of a metal detector.

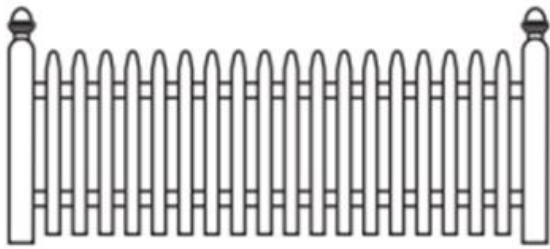
Height

- Fences in the front yard cannot exceed four feet in height.
- Fences from the front building line to the rear property line cannot exceed six feet in height.
- On corner lots, fences along the side yard abutting the street cannot exceed six feet in height.
 - Exception: If the primary door of the residence is located in the side yard abutting the street, the fence in the side yard cannot exceed four feet in height.
- Also on corner lots, fences along the rear yard cannot exceed four feet in height from the front building line of the abutting lot to the front lot line or parcel line of the abutting lot.
- Fences along the side yard property line shall be located at least five feet from any principal structure located on either side of the property line. If a fence is located closer than five feet from a principal structure located on either side of the property line, the fence shall not exceed four feet in height.

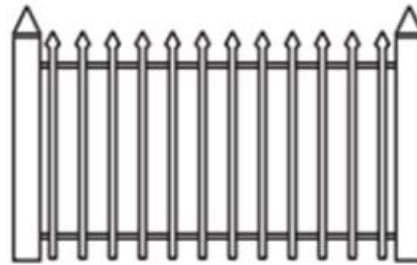


Privacy Fences

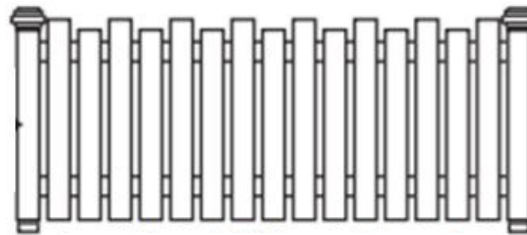
- Privacy fences are only allowed in the side and rear yards. All fences in the front yard are required to be at least 25 percent open.



50% open



More than 50% open



Less than 50% open

Appearance

- Fence construction shall be of good workmanship, with material reasonably suited for its intended purpose.
- Fences shall be maintained on both sides in a condition of good repair and shall not be in or remain in the condition of disrepair, including, but not limited to, leaning or sagging.
- The side of the fence considered to be the face (the finished side) shall face adjoining property.
- Barbed wire fences are not permitted.
- All fences shall be properly maintained with respect to appearance and safety.

Swimming Pools

- Inground swimming pools shall be surrounded with an enclosure screened Structure, or fencing at least five feet in height and of sufficient density to control access, having openings not in excess of six inches.
- Gates shall be self-closing, with a latching device to secure closing, and hardware for permanent locking device which shall be located at least 48 inches in height from the ground.

Questions

- If you have questions call the City Planner at 651-552-4134