
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 county aerial view plan showing the location of the proposed structure, and
- Building plans showing cross section(s) and 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 recommended 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

- A fence up to 6 feet in height may be erected on the rear lot line, the side lot lines and return to the nearest front corner of the principal building.
- 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.
- A fence up to 4 feet in height may be erected in the front yard.
- On a corner lot, fences along the side yard abutting the street shall not exceed 4 feet in height. Fences along the rear yard shall not exceed 4 feet in height from the front building line of the abutting lot to the front lot line or parcel line of the abutting lot.

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.

Appearance

- Fence construction shall be of good workmanship, with materials reasonably suited for its intended purpose.
- Fences shall be maintained, on both sides, in a condition of safety, good repair and appearance and shall not be in or remain in a 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.

Swimming Pools

- In-ground swimming pools shall be surrounded with an enclosure, screened structure, or fencing at least 5 feet in height and of sufficient density to control access, having openings not in excess of 6 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.