

Residential Fence Handout

Permitting

A zoning permit is required prior to installing a fence. The following shall be submitted with the permit application:

- A certificate of survey showing the fence location and segment measurements.
- Plans showing a cross section of the fence and the construction materials.

Location

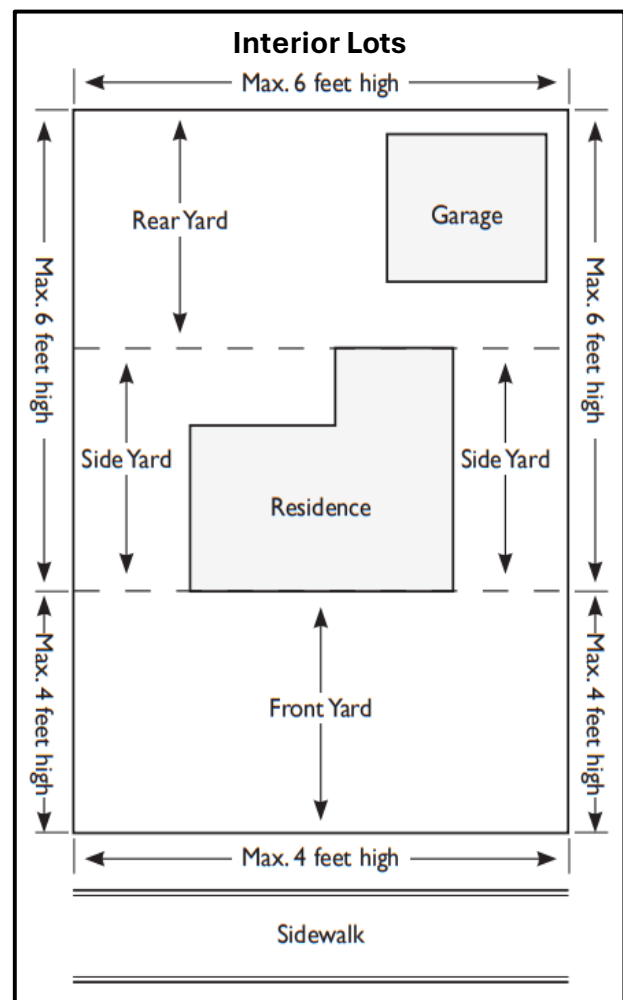
- Fences and all supporting structures must be located inside your property lines, the fence cannot be located on a property line, on a neighbor's property, or within city right-of-way.
- Identifying the location of property lines is required prior to installation of a fence. The city does not have surveyors on staff to perform this service.
 - Existing fences, trees, or utilities are not an accurate way to determine the location of property lines.

Height

- Fences in the front yard cannot be taller than four feet in height.
- Fences from the front building line to the rear property line cannot be taller than six feet.
- Fences along the side yard shall be located at least five feet from the principal structure on an adjacent property. If located closer than five feet to a principal structure on the neighboring property, the fence cannot be taller than four feet.

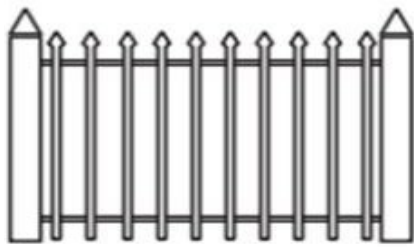
Corner Lots

- 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.

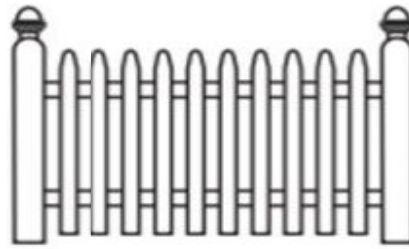


Privacy Fences

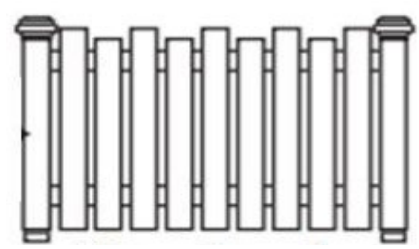
- Privacy fences are only allowed in the side and rear yards.
- All fences in the front yard are required to be at least 25 percent open.



More than 50% open



50% open



Less than 50% open

Appearance

- Fence construction must be of good workmanship, with material reasonably suited for its intended purpose.
- Fences must be maintained on both sides in a condition of good repair and must 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) must face adjoining property.
- Barbed wire fences are not permitted.
- All fences must be properly maintained with respect to appearance and safety.

Swimming Pools

- Inground swimming pools must 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 must be located at least 48 inches in height from the ground.

Questions

- If you have questions call the City Planner at 651-552-4134 or email mhoutsma@wspmnn.gov