

General Requirements for Residential Fences

- **Building Permit Required?** – A building permit is needed before any installation on residential properties. Permit fees are based on the value of the project.
- **Permit Documentation Needed** – Proof of ownership, list of all materials with cost, drawing with measurements showing exactly where the fence will be located on the property.
- **Fence Materials Allowed** – Fences may be constructed of all common fence materials suitable for residential use.
- **Maximum Height Limits** – Front yard fences are limited to 4' in height. Other locations have a 6' height limit.
- **Property Line Issues** – Posts and footings must be completely within the owner's property. A plat of survey may be required to determine homeowner's property lines.

Specific Rules and Ordinances

- **Front Yard Fences** – These are limited to 4' in height.
- **Side and Back Yard Fences** – These may be up to 6' in height.
- **Corner Lot Restrictions** – All fences adjacent to roadways and right-of-ways, must be at least 50% open to avoid blocking views.
- Barbed wire, concertina wire, chicken wire, razor wire and electrically charged fences are prohibited in residential zones.
- **Gates and Access Rules** – Any fence completely enclosing residential lots must have at least one gate, no less than 3' wide, that provides access to the property.
- **Commercial Fence Codes** – Fences on commercial and industrial properties have different requirements, which vary from zone to zone. Contact the Zoning Department for fences on commercial or industrial properties.