



FENCES AND SCREENING

This information sheet provides an overview of the permitting requirements and regulations for fences and screening structures on residential and commercial properties. Fences and screens serve a variety of purposes, including privacy, security, and boundary definition, and must comply with local zoning codes, height limits, and visibility standards. Before installation, property owners and contractors should review the following guidelines to ensure all proposed fencing and screening structures meet applicable code requirements and do not create safety or property line conflicts.

Application Fees Permit Fee: \$65.00

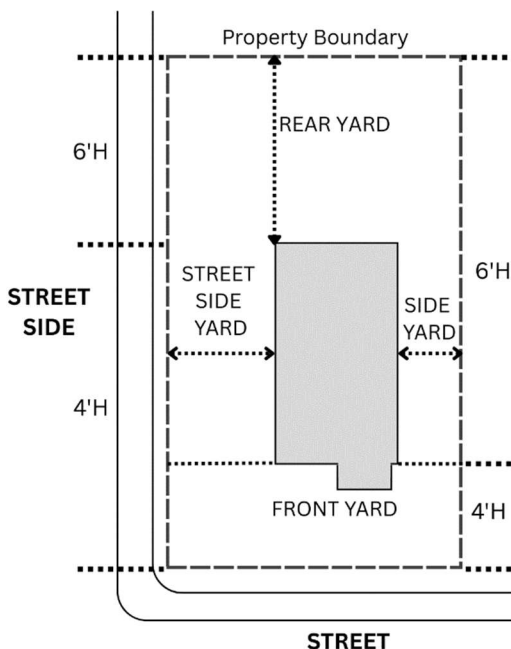
Submittal Requirement

- ☐ A plat of survey dated within the past 10 years, marking the location of proposed fence or proof of existing property markers. (Note: The City may have a survey plat on file. Please check before scheduling a new survey.)
- ☐ Permit Application

Maximum Fence Heights

Yard Location	Z-1, M-1 Zones	Z-2, Z-3, Z-4 Zones
Street Yard	6 Feet	4 Feet
Side & Rear Yard	8 Feet	6 Feet

- Fence height is measured from the average finished grade on the interior side of the fence to the top of the structure.
- For fences built atop walls or landscaping, height is measured from the base of the wall or feature.
- Fence posts, supports, or decorative features may extend up to 12 inches above the maximum allowed height.



Approved Fence Materials

Materials must match or complement the principal building.

Wood, Metal, Stone, Gabions filled with stone material

Masonry Walls: Must be constructed of high-quality, durable materials such as: Brick, Cast stone, Decorative block, Stucco over concrete block

Alternative Fencing Options: Must be approved by the Zoning Administrator if equal in suitability, strength, and durability.

Ornamental Metal Fencing: Decorative pickets must be at least 0.75 inches wide.

- Spacing: Maximum 6 inches on center.
- May include masonry, stone, or wood piers.

FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

- Rear yards only: Vinyl, composite material, or chain-link.

FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

- Must use opaque fencing to fully obscure screening in Parking lots, for HVAC units and Garbage corrals. Chain-link with slats or mesh screening are not considered opaque.

Prohibited Fencing

Fences may not encroach on public property or rights-of-way.

Materials prohibited except in M-1 zones: Electrified fencing, Barbed wire, Razor wire, Any materials intended to cause harm

Orientation & Appearance

- The more attractive or "finished" side of the fence must face adjacent neighbors, public rights-of way, or City-approved private drives.
- Structural supports must be located on the interior side of the fence.

Landscaping Requirements

Landscaping standards apply to all uses except residential properties and designated parks/open spaces. Consult with the Zoning Administrator