

Fences

Summary Guide

What is a Fence?

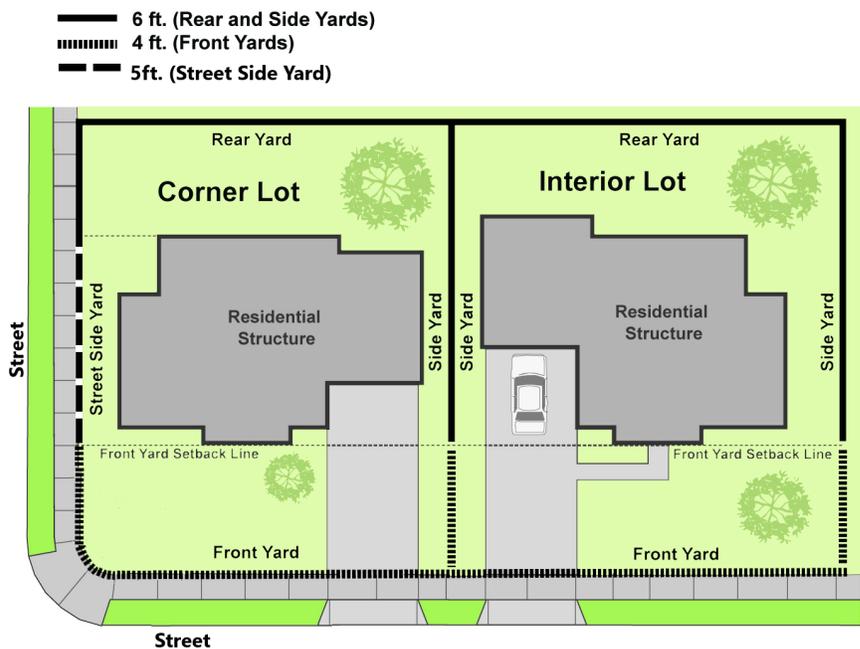
"Fence" is defined in the City Code as an artificially constructed barrier of wood, masonry, stone, wire, metal or other manufactured material, or combination of materials, that provides a boundary, means of protection, privacy screening or confinement.



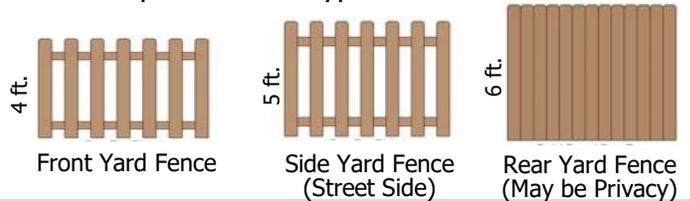
GUIDELINES

Fences must be constructed of chain link, wood, wrought iron, masonry, decorative wire, or composed of synthetic materials appropriate to the general character of the neighborhood and must follow each of these guidelines:

- All Fences require a Building Permit
- Side & Rear Yard:** Maximum height is six (6) feet (see diagram at right).
- Front Yard:** May not exceed 4 feet in height & must be uniformly open to an extent equal to but not less than 50% of its surface area. Front yard fences may only be picket, wrought iron, or steel or aluminum designed to mimic the look and function of wrought iron;
- Side yard street side:** a fence adjacent to any public street shall be no greater than five (5) feet in height and must also be uniformly open or perforated to an extent equal to but not less than fifty (50) per cent of its surface area;
- A fence should not impede sightlines for traffic on adjacent streets, alleys & drives.
- Fences using electrified wire, barbed wire or razor wire are not permitted on residential property.
- There is no limitation on height for fences in agricultural districts (zone A).



Examples of fence types allowed



In a Historic District?

Any fence proposed on a property in the Historic District requires a *Certificate of Appropriateness*.

For further information on fences in historic districts, please contact the Preservation Office: (816) 439-4537.

In a Commercial or Industrial district?

Fences are only allowed in the side & rear yard and may not exceed 6 feet. Fencing or screening may be *required* for certain areas. Please contact the Planning Department prior to installing.