



## **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
- building plans showing cross section 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 suggested 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 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 Yard. All Fences in the Front Yard are required to be at least 25 percent open.

### Appearance

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

### Swimming Pools

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