

# Fences

These examples below are meant as general guidelines and are subject to final approval by staff.

## What you need:

1. Plat of Survey
2. Cost Estimate
3. Height & Type of fence
4. HOA approval (if applicable)

Cost of Permit: \$50.00 (for up to \$8,000)

**A permit is required prior to the installation of any fence.**

## Important Information

### 1. Fence Layout Without Rear Yard Landscape Easement

- Fence heights are restricted to no more than 6 ft. in a rear yard, and no more than 4 ft. in a front yard.
- Certain subdivisions have covenants that are more restrictive than the City ordinances. Prior approval from a Homeowners Association is required.
- Whenever a project requires digging please contact JULIE, in advance, at: 1-800-892-0123, to mark underground utility lines.
- See Example: [Fence Layout](#) [PDF]

### 2. Fence Layout With Rear Yard Landscape Easement

- Fence heights are restricted to no more than 6 ft. in a rear yard, and no more than 4 ft. in a front yard.
- Certain subdivisions have covenants that are more restrictive than the City ordinances. Prior approval from a Homeowners Association is required.
- Fences cannot extend beyond the landscape easement.
- Whenever a project requires digging please contact JULIE, in advance, at: 1-800-892-0123, to mark underground utility lines.
- See Example: [Fence Layout on a Lot with Rear Yard Landscape Easement](#) [PDF]

### 3. Corner Lot Fence Layout: 6 Ft. High Fence Installed Within the 20 Ft. Corner Lot Side Yard Setback.

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- Whenever a project requires digging please contact [JULIE](#), in advance, at: 1-800-892-0123, to mark underground utility lines.
- Sight Visibility
  1. Solid privacy fences must be no higher than 2-½ ft. within this area.
  2. Also, chain link "see through" fences are allowed up to a maximum height of 6 ft. in the rear yard and 4 ft. in the front yard.
- See Example: [Corner Lot Fence Layout - 6 Ft. High Fence Installed Within the 20 Ft. Corner Lot Side Yard Setback](#) [PDF]

### 4. Corner Lot Fence Layout: 6 Ft. High Fence Installed Outside of the 20 Ft. Corner Lot Side Yard Setback

- Fences higher than 4 ft. in a required front yard require adjoining neighbors sign-off.
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- Whenever a project requires digging please contact JULIE, in advance, at: 1-800-892-0123, to mark underground utility lines.
- Sight Visibility
  1. Solid privacy fences must be no higher than 2-1/2 ft. within this area.
  2. Also, chain link "see through" fences are allowed up to a maximum height of 6 ft. in the rear yard and 4 ft. in the front yard.
- See Example: [Corner Lot Fence Layout – 6 Ft. High Fence Installed Outside of the 20 Ft. Corner Lot Side Yard Setback](#) [PDF]

**Note:** At two intersecting streets, alleys, and driveways, there are additional requirements that must be met to protect the visibility of automotive traffic, cyclists, and pedestrians.

At no time are fences allowed to be installed in what would be described as a storm water detention/retention pond easement, floodplain easement or areas determined to be floodway.

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