

FENCE AND WALL STANDARDS

1. Height and location requirements. All fences and wall shall be erected in compliance with the following table:

Type of Fence or Wall	Maximum Height (feet)		
	Front	Side	Rear
Chain-link fence	N/A	6	6
Ornamental fence	4	6	6
Privacy fence	N/A	6	6
Rail fence	4	5	5
Industrial fence	N/A	8	8
Decorative wall	2	4	4
Obscuring wall	N/A	6	6

2. All required setbacks for fences and walls shall be measured from the property line or existing street right-of-way line. Height of such fences or walls shall be measured from the grade level to the highest point of the fence or wall.
3. All fences and walls located within the front yard shall be less than four (4) feet in height.
4. All fences and walls, including, but not limited to posts, foundations, and overhanging elements, shall be located completely within the limits of the lot to which they are associated. Fences and walls located within required side and rear yards may be erected on the property line with the submission of written consent from all adjacent property owners or a certified survey verifying the location of lot boundaries.
5. All fences and walls may be permitted up to any property line that is not also a right-of-way line. All fences and walls shall be setback a minimum of two (2) feet from all adjacent rights-of-way.
6. Fences that have one (1) finished or decorative side shall be oriented with the finished or decorative side facing outward towards adjacent parcels and away from the interior of the lot to which the fence is associated. Masonry walls shall be finished in a similar manner on all sides.
7. No fence or wall may be placed in any drainage, utility, sidewalk, landscaping, access, or other easement without written permission from the easement holder.
8. Fences specifically required by this Ordinance for screening, swimming pools, telecommunications facilities, or other purposes may exceed the maximum heights established by this section in a manner consistent with the specific requirements of this Ordinance.
9. The use of barbed-wire, razor wire or similar fencing materials is specifically prohibited in all zoning districts, except in industrial zoned districts. Such fencing materials may be allowed upon application to and approval by the Director. High voltage electric fences are prohibited throughout the City; however, the construction and use of low voltage electric fences, shall be allowed in the City only as provided in this section and subject to the following standards:
 - a. **Location.** Electric fences shall be permitted only in industrial zoned districts.
 - b. **Setback.** Electric fences shall be a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet from all perimeter property lines when adjacent to residential zoning districts.
 - c. **Buffers.** Electric fences shall not enclose a landscape buffer.
 - d. **Height.** Electric fences shall have a minimum height of six (6) feet and maximum height of eight (8) feet, but such height can be extended up to ten (10) feet if a variance is granted.

10. Permit required. A fence permit shall be required for all work performed in association with the construction, alteration, or relocation of a fence or wall, except where otherwise specified herein. Fences and walls for which a fence permit is not required:
- a. **Repairs.** Repairs to an existing fence or wall with no structural changes.
 - b. **Replacement.** Replacement of an existing fence with a new fence that is the same type and height and in the same location as the existing fence; provided the replacement fence is otherwise in full compliance with this ordinance.
 - c. **Gates.** The installation of gates of up to eight (8) feet in width in an existing fence or wall with no structural changes.
11. Legal nonconforming fences and walls. All existing legal nonconforming fences or walls shall be permitted to continue as such until removed, extended, or altered, at which time such fences or walls shall be made to conform to the provisions of this Section.