

Fence Regulations

The following rules regulate the location, height and installation of fences in the city's residential zoning districts. Please contact the city's Planning & Zoning Department at (989) 894-8180 with any questions you may have.

Permit Required

A fence permit must be obtained from the city's Planning and Zoning office before the installation or replacement of a fence. Permit Fee: \$25

Location

- Fences may be installed on or along front, side and rear lot lines. Determining the location of lot lines is the responsibility of the property owner. The city does not intervene in lot line disputes with neighbors.
- Chain link fences are not permitted in front yards, though are permitted in side and rear yards and in side-street side yards on corner lots.

Orientation

The finished side of new and replacement fences must face surrounding properties. All supporting posts and cross-members must face the lot on which a fence is located.

Height

- Fences in front yards may be up to four feet in height. Fences in side and rear yards may be up to six feet in height (see Illustration 1).

*Please note: a six-foot ornamental, wrought-iron style fence is allowed in front yards of the historic district.
- Fences on Corner Lots (see Illustration 2):
 - Fences closer than 10 feet to a side-street lot line may be up to four feet in height.
 - Fences set back 10 feet or more from a side-street lot line may be up to six feet in height.
 - Fences more than 50 percent solid (see example on back) may not exceed three feet in height in street intersection and driveway clear vision areas (see solid gray shaded areas in Illustrations 2 & 3).

Illustration 1: Fence Height in Front, Side & Rear Yards

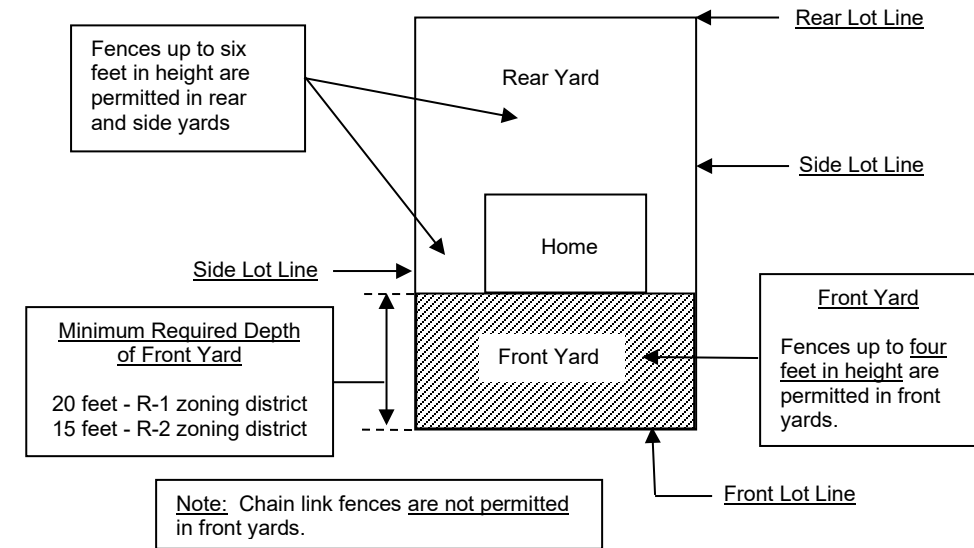


Illustration 2: Corner Lot - Fence Height in Side-Street Side Yard & Street Intersection Clear Vision Area

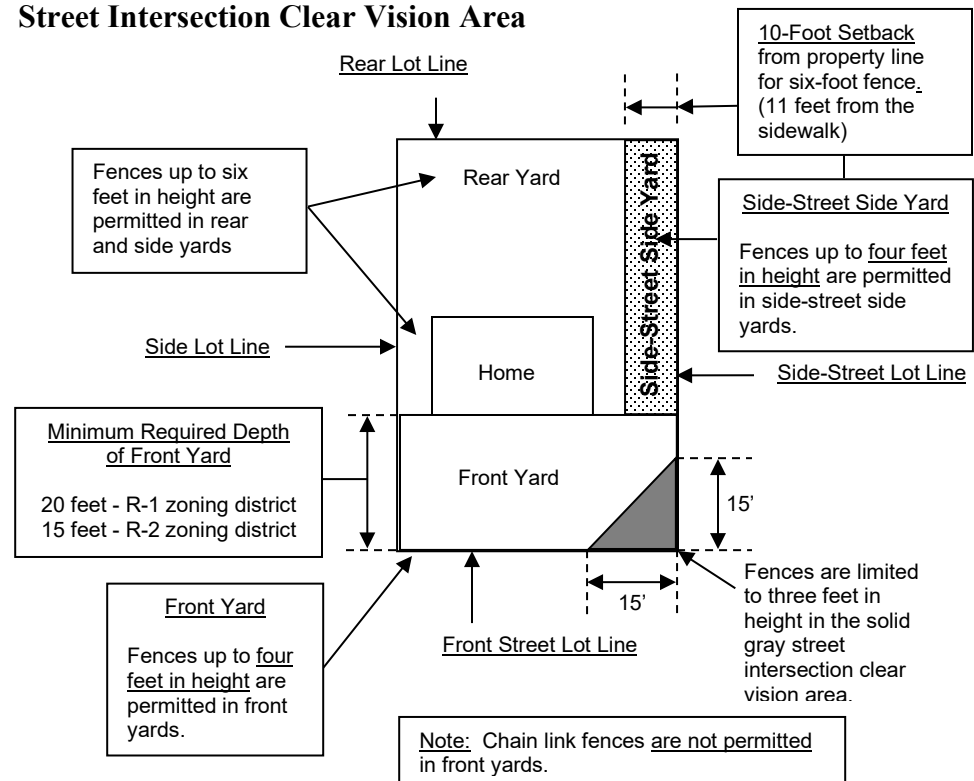
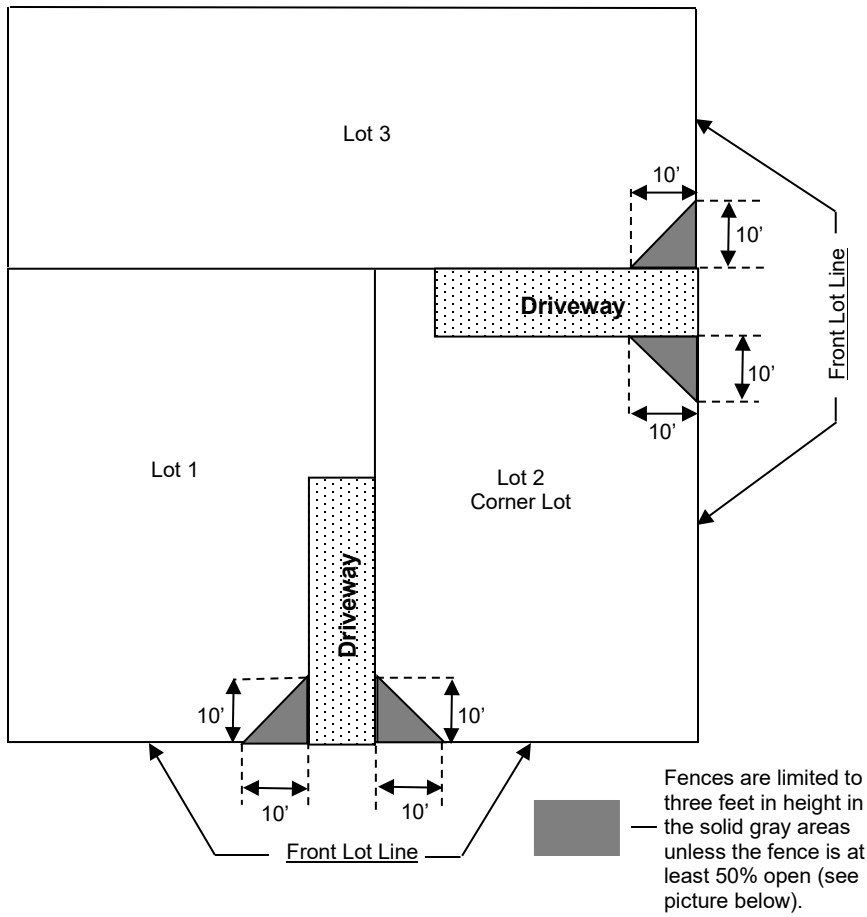
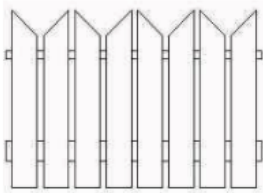


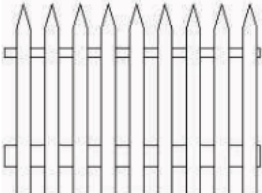
Illustration 3: Fence Height in Driveway Clear Vision Areas



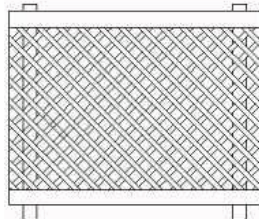
Please note: Barbed wire, razor wire, or other similar security wires or materials which could easily cause injury as well as fences with electric current are prohibited on residential lots.



20% Open



50% Open



70% Open



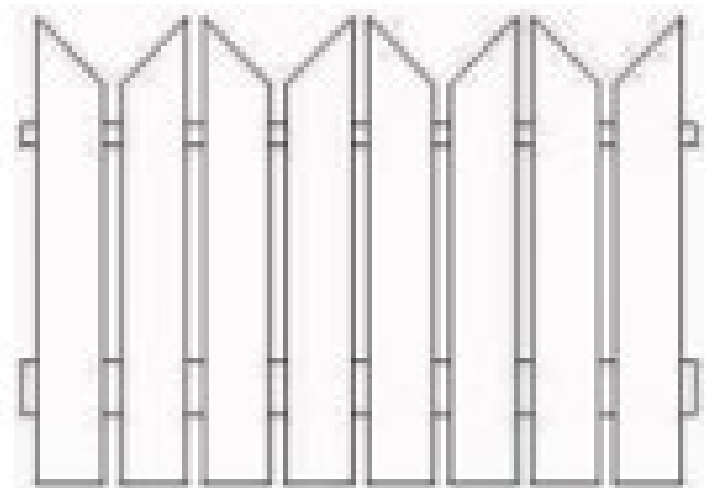
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Contact the Planning Dept. to review fence regulations for commercial and industrial property.



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