

## 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 (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. A *building permit* from the Building Dept. is required for fences over 6 feet.

### Location

1. Fences may be installed along front, side and rear lot lines. Determining the location of lot lines is the responsibility of the property owner.
2. 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.

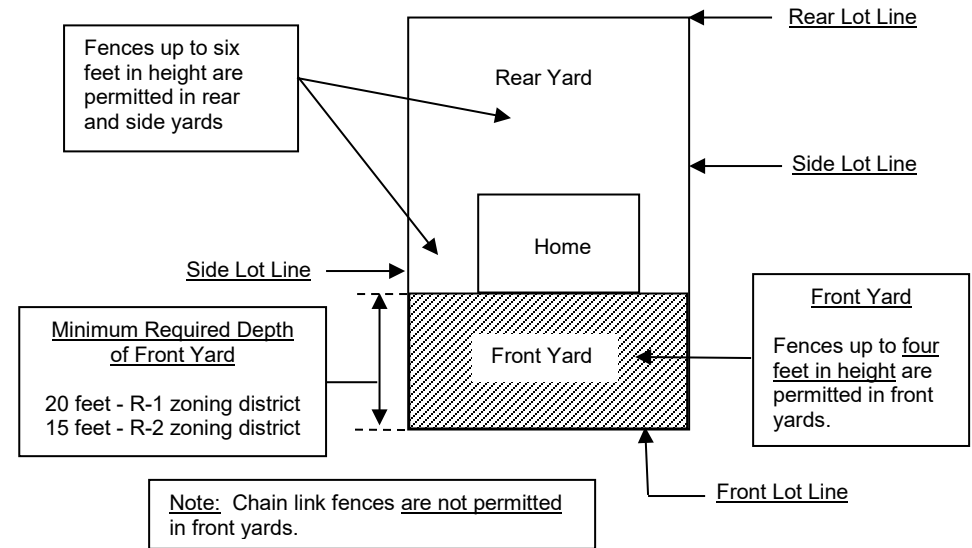
### Orientation

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.

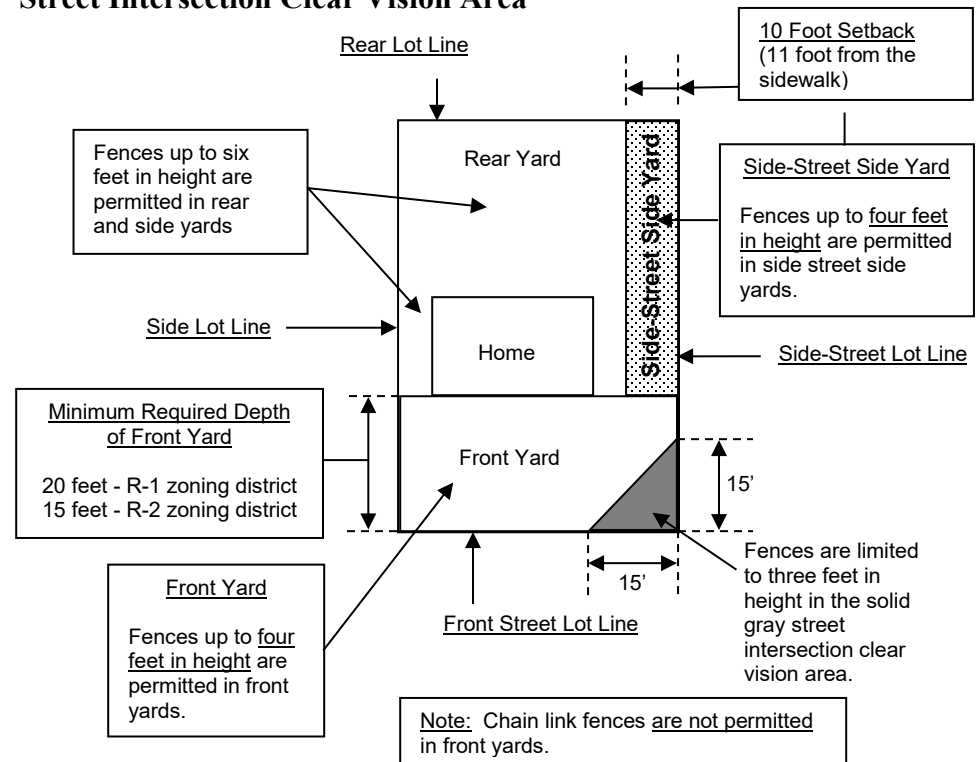
### Height

1. 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).
2. Fences on Corner Lots (see Illustration 2):
  - a. Fences located within 10 feet of a side-street lot line may be up to four feet in height.
  - b. Fences set back 10 feet or more from a side-street lot line may be up to six feet in height.
  - c. Fences more than 50 percent solid may not exceed three feet in height in street intersection and driveway clear vision areas (see solid gray shaded areas in Illustrations 2 & 3).

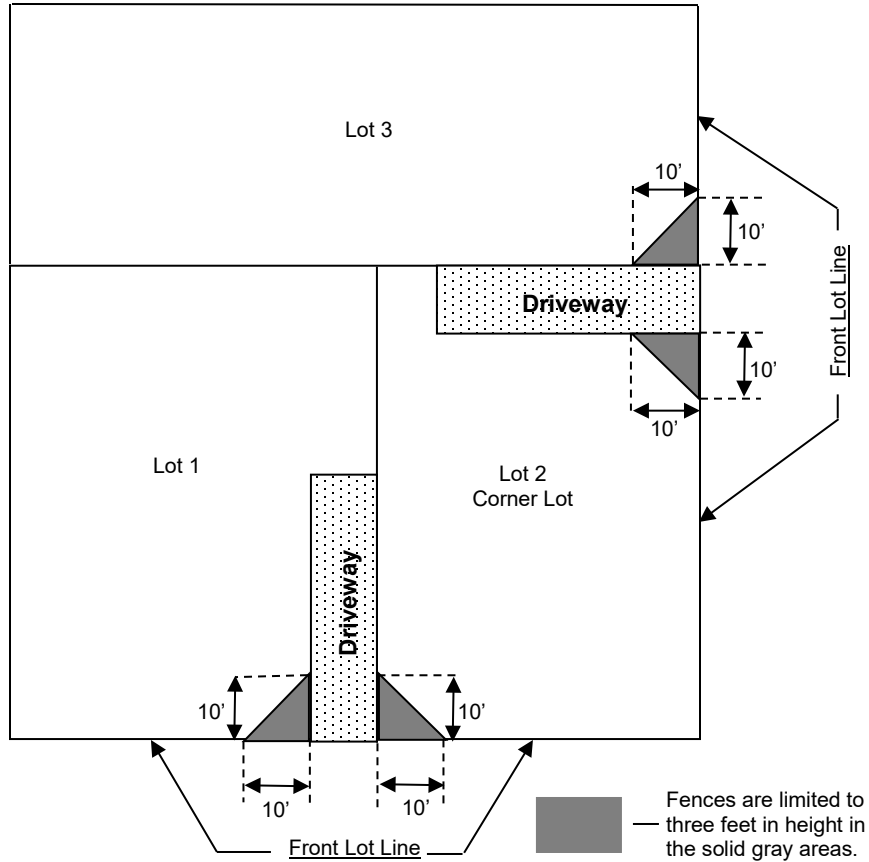
**Illustration 1: Fence Height in Front, Side & Rear Yards**



**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**



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Questions concerning residential fence regulations may be directed to the city's Planning & Zoning Department at (989)894-8180 or to the Community Development Planner at (989)894-8179.

*Contact the Community Development Planner to review fence regulations for commercial and industrial property.*

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