

170.30.209 Fence Requirements

In order to maintain consistency in the application of this Cod, the following provisions have been established to maintain safety standards for the general public.

1. Maximum height of rear and side yard fence lines is six (6) feet, and no fence line that extends beyond the front building line shall be constructed above four (4) feet, except if setback the minimum distance as required by code in Table 170.30.20. The front building line shall include the front portion of the principal building, including allowed enclosed porches, but shall not include those features listed under 170.30.204, #6.
2. Corner posts and support posts may extend no more than six (6) inches above the allowed height of a fence.
3. No fence line shall be constructed in the front yard that is more than 75 percent solid or opaque. Clear vision must not be completely obstructed by such fence. It shall have a minimum height of thirty (30) inches and a maximum height of four (4) feet.
 - a. Any fence located in a front yard area shall be of sturdy construction. A wire fence (not including chain link) or snow fence shall not be located in a front yard unless during winter months for snow protection or during active construction on site.
4. Corner lots with two front yards shall be allowed to have a six (6) foot high fence located in the front yard with the longest frontage. Such fence shall be set back a minimum of three (3) feet from the property line or adjacent sidewalk (if one exists); or in line with the home on the side with the longest street frontage and shall not extend beyond the front of the house on the shortest lot side. All other requirements of this section apply to such fence.
5. All fences may be constructed up to, but not over the property or lot line. At no time shall a fence be less than one foot inside a public sidewalk.
6. In any Zoning District, no fence shall be constructed within the clear zone.
7. All fences shall conform to the construction standards of the Building Code.
8. Fences constructed solely to protect a garden shall be allowed to be constructed up to eight (8) feet in height and shall only be located in the rear yard. Such fence shall only be located entirely in the rear yard and shall be set back a minimum of five (5) feet from side and rear property lines. Such fenced area shall not exceed 2,000 square feet and shall only be constructed of (open/non-privacy) chain-link fencing.
9. Fences constructed for protection on school grounds, parks, and playgrounds and for commercial or industrial properties located in M (Industrial) or C (Commercial) Districts may be constructed to a height of no more than eight (8) feet, excluding backstops or similar recreational uses as determined by the Development Department.
 - a. Fences located in the side and rear yard areas of residential (R) zoning districts may be constructed to a height of no more than eight (8) feet if such fence is located adjacent to a commercial (C) or industrial (M) zoning district use. Such fence shall not extend beyond the front of a house and shall be a minimum of 10-foot back from the property line, whichever is greater.
10. It is unlawful for any person to erect, construct and/or maintain any electrically charged fence within the City limits, except when used by an existing farm operation for the wellbeing of livestock (as defined by Chapter 65) and is located no closer than 75 feet to the property line.
11. It is unlawful for any person to erect, construct and/or maintain any fence containing barb wire in the City limits, except:
 - a. Any lot, parcel and/or tract of land located in an "M-1" Light Industrial, "M-2" Heavy Industrial District and the "A-1" Airport District may be allowed to construct

one foot of barbed wire fencing above the top line of an eight (8) foot chain link fence.

- b. Any fence meeting the criteria stated in subsection (a) of this section will have to maintain a twenty (20) foot wide landscaped buffer zone between such fence and any lot, tract and/or parcel of land zoned for commercial or residential uses.
12. No fence shall be erected, constructed, and/or maintained without first submitting a fence permit along with a minor site plan to the Development Department for approval.
 13. Fences used solely for the purpose of housing animals (ex. Dog kennels) shall be exempt from these regulations, provided the kennel is not located within any front yard and is less than one hundred fifty (150) square feet in size.