



FENCES

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PLANNING
DEPARTMENT**
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PERMITS AND CONSTRUCTION

- No building permit is required for a fence not exceeding 7 feet in height.
 - Want to exceed 7 feet in height?
 - A variance and permit must be obtained in Residential & Commercial districts.
 - A building permit is required in Industrial districts.
- No barbed wire or electric fences are allowed in residential and commercial districts.
- The material & finished side of fences are not regulated; however, please be neighborly.
- Fences shall be maintained in good repair
 - Including: Posts, surfaces, and landscaping along both sides of the fence.
- Pools that exceed 5,000 gallons and 24 inches in depth must be surrounded by Ordinance compliant fencing.



LOCATION

- Fences may be built up to, but not on, the property line.
 - To know where your property lines are, you must locate property (corner) pins.
 - It is owner's responsibility to determine where property lines are. If no property pins are found, it is advised to hire a land surveyor.
 - The City recommends maintaining a minimum of 1 foot on your side of property line to allow/facilitate fence maintenance without crossing onto the neighbor's property.
 - The City requires maintaining a minimum of 3 feet distance from an alley to allow for snow removal operations.
 - Fences may be built within a utility easement.
 - Future utility work in the easement may result in removal at the owner's expense.
 - Property owners shall be responsible for contacting local utilities to ensure proper access to utility boxes within easements.
 - Fences shall not obstruct water flow per development grading plan.
- Fences within a sight triangle at corner properties shall not exceed 3 feet in height.
 - Sight triangle is defined by measuring 25 feet in each direction from a property corner point (see illustration).
 - A 10-foot sight triangle is also required adjacent to alleys and driveways.



Get a locate of utilities for fence posts excavation by calling 811 or visit www.gopherstateonecall.org

