

# FENCE REGULATIONS

A "Fence" is a structural barrier or enclosure, screening or demarcation, presenting a solid face or having openings amongst or between its constituent members.

## Permits

A permit is not needed for fences less than six (6) feet in height. A fence in excess of six (6) feet requires a permit and may require additional information in regards to structural integrity, as determined by city building staff. Baseball diamond backstops, ball walls, and sport court perimeter fencing etc. also require a permit. Regardless of whether or not a permit is required, regulations exist with regard to maximum heights at various locations on your property.

## Walls / Retaining Walls

All fences, walls, and retaining walls shall be safe and structurally sound. Walls and retaining walls may require engineering no matter what the height.

## Definitions

**Front yard** means a space on the same lot with a principal building, extending the full width of the lot, and situated between the street right-of-way and the front line of the building projected to the side lines of the lot.

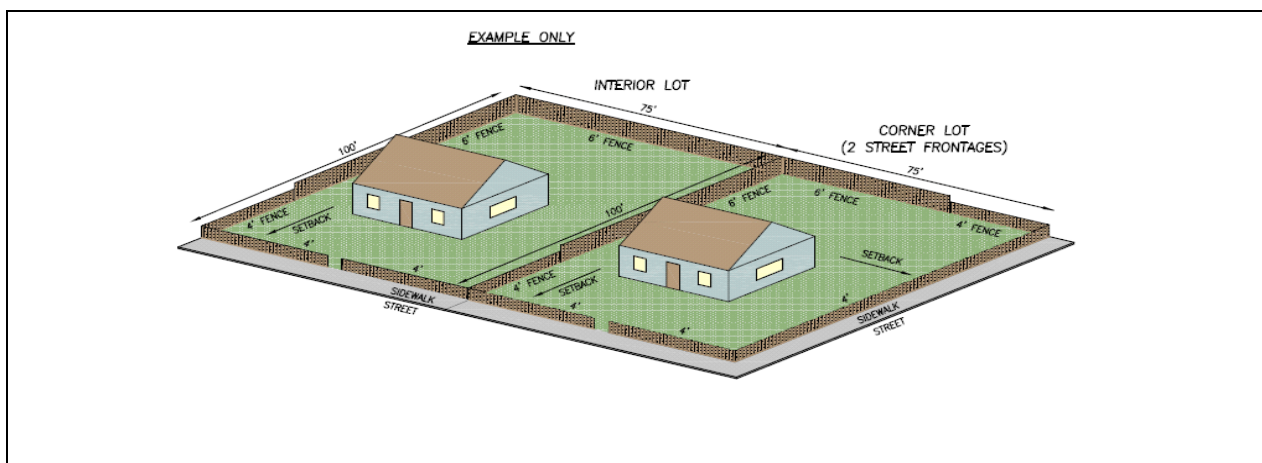
**Rear yard** means a space on the same lot with a principal building, extending the full width of the lot and situated between the rear line of the lot and the rear line of the building projected to the side lines of the lot.

**Side yard** means a space on the same lot with a principal building, situated between the building and the side lot line and extending from the rear line of the front yard to the front line of the rear yard.

**Double frontage** means lots which have street frontage along two lot lines. (ie., corner lots)

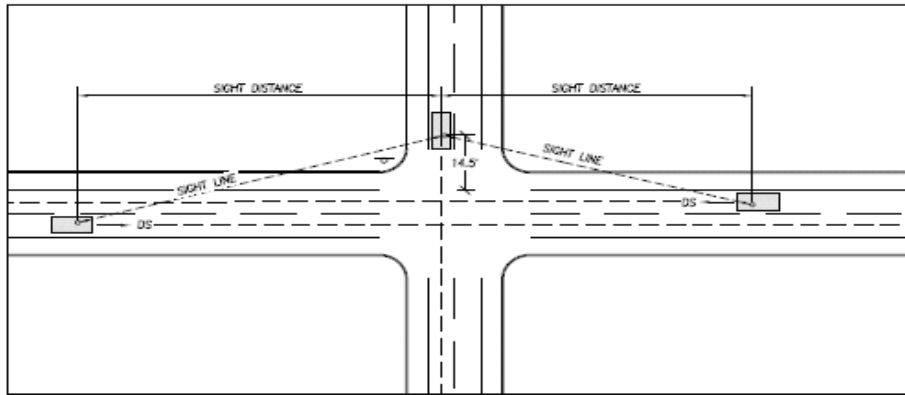
## Maximum Heights

Fences shall not exceed six (6) feet in height along side and rear property yards behind front setback. Fences within front yard setback areas may not exceed four (4) feet in height. In the case of a double frontage or corner lot, both spaces with street frontage shall be considered a front yard.



## Sight distance and driveways

The fence shall not be closed in with adjacent plant materials or strips of material inserted into the fence so as to obstruct vision. No fence, wall, or hedge shall be erected in such a manner as to obstruct vision within a public right-of-way or vision needed for driveway access onto a public right-of-way.



Design Speed (mph)	Sight Distance (ft)
20	225
25	280
30	330
35	390
40	445

**Public health, safety and welfare nuisances**

Fences shall be maintained so that they do not constitute a hazard, blight or condition of disrepair, graffiti covered, leaning, missing slats or blocks, sagging, fallen, decayed, rotting, damaged or peeling paint. Fencing with discarded or mismatched pieces of wood or other materials, corrugated metal or plastic sheets, pipe, tires, bedsprings, or other materials not originally intended as fencing constitutes a public nuisance.

**\*Remember to consider your development’s Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs) and that fences may only be located on or within your own property when designing your fence. A fence could be allowed by city code but restricted by development CC&Rs.**

**Fencing Standards – recycling center / motor vehicle junkyards**

Any person, persons, partnership, or corporation engaging in operating or maintaining a recycling center, recycling collection box or motor vehicle junkyard within the city limits shall have the operation so operated and so maintained that if any recyclable materials, junked motor vehicles or rubbish are within 150 feet of any street or highway, they shall be enclosed by a board or metal fence eight (8) feet in height and so constructed, built, and maintained as to present an appearance not offensive to the traveling public, and if the recyclable materials, junked motor vehicles or rubbish are 150 feet from any street or highway, they shall be kept and maintained with due regard to the appearance, health and safety of the public. It shall be unlawful for any person, persons, partnership or corporation in the city to engage in the dismantling, wrecking or breaking up of any automobile, piece of machinery or article, without complying with these fencing and maintenance standards.

**\*No person or individual shall install, attach or permit to be installed or attached any barbed or razor wire upon any portion of their property within the city limits. To do so is declared to be a public nuisance.**

**Contact information**

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