

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

- A. No fence shall be erected within any street or alley right-of-way, except as a requirement by other safety codes, (ie. Atop certain retaining walls), and approved by the city. Any private fence must maintain a minimum gate opening width of thirty-six inches.
- B. 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.
- C. 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.
- D. All fences may be constructed up to, but not over the property or lot line.
- E. In any residential District, no fence shall be constructed within the clear zone.
- F. All fences shall conform to the construction standards of the Building Code.
- G. 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.
- H. 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 well being of livestock and is located no closer than 75 feet to the property line.
- I. 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 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 fifteen (15) foot wide landscaped buffer zone between such fence and any lot, tract and/or parcel of land zoned for commercial or residential uses.
- J. 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.
- K. Definitions of yards: Residential front yards shall be determined as follows with respect to this section of the municipal code:
 - (i) Full corner lots located in blocks containing alleys shall have the front yard opposite that of the alley location.
 - (ii) Full interior lots located in blocks containing alleys will have the front yard opposite that of the alley location.
 - (iii) Corner lots located in blocks containing alleys but not having access to the alley will have the front yard oriented toward the front of the house.
 - (iv) Houses located on less than full lots (less than seven thousand square feet) bordering a street and an alley will have the front yard oriented toward the front of the house.
 - (v) Lots located in cul-de-sacs and on dead-end streets will have their front yards oriented to the front of the house.

20.12.102 Clear Zone.

An area at a street intersection in which nothing shall be erected, placed, planted, or allowed to grow in such a manner to impede vision or exceed a height of two and one-half feet above street grade, measured from the point of intersection of the public rights-of-way, twenty-five feet in either direction along the right of way.