



BUILDING, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

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General Requirements for Fences, Walls and Hedges

Fence is defined as a structure, including entrance and exit gates, design and constructed for enclosure and screening.

Permit Required

- Improvement Location Permit (ILP)
- **If you are not the property owner**, you must obtain a letter from the property owner authorizing you to construct the fence wall or structural screen.

Permit Fee

- No fee

Location and Safety Requirements

Setbacks: Fences, walls and hedges may be located directly on your property lines, but it is suggested that the structure be installed a few feet inside your property lines for property maintenance purposes.

Easements: Fences, walls and hedges shall not be located within utility or drainage easements unless the City's Board of Works authorizes encroachment into the easement via a Utility Services and Easement Encroachment Agreement.

- Shall **not** be installed inside a road right-of-way of any street, road or highway.

Height Limits:

- Side Yard: No more than 6' tall, except plant materials
- Front Yard: Defined as each yard on your property that faces a street.
 1. No more than 3' tall and ornamental in nature.
 2. Does not create a visual or physical barrier (i.e. split-rail fence), serving only as decoration or aesthetic appeal.
 3. Must be free of points, barns and thorns. No barbed wire fence allowed in a front yard in any district.

Utility Locates

Call 811 or 1-800-382-5544 at least 2 working days before any digging or excavating. There is no fee for this service.