

# Fences

## Summary Guide

### What is a Fence?

"Fence" is defined in the City Code as an artificially constructed barrier of wood, masonry, stone, wire, metal or other manufactured material, or combination of materials, that provides a boundary, means of protection, privacy screening or confinement.



### GUIDELINES

Fences must be constructed of chain link, wood, wrought iron, masonry, decorative wire, or composed of synthetic materials appropriate to the general character of the neighborhood and must follow each of these guidelines:

- **Front Yard:** May not exceed 4 feet in height & must be uniformly open to an extent equal to but not less than 50% of its surface area.

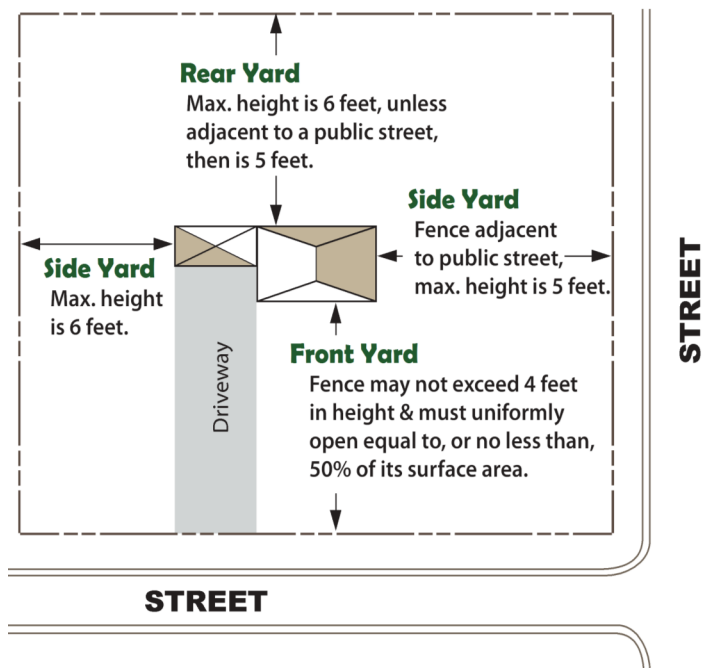


**Important!** Prior to installing a front yard fence, written consent of all abutting property owners, including those directly across the street, must be presented to the City.

- **Side & Rear Yard:** Maximum height is six (6) feet (see diagram at right).
- A fence should not impede sightlines for traffic on adjacent streets, alleys & drives.
- Fences using electrified wire, barbed wire or razor wire are not permitted on residential property.
- There is no limitation on height for fences in agricultural districts (zone A).
- **Side & Rear Yard Street Side Elevations:** Fences adjacent to a public street are limited to a height of 5 feet and must be uniformly open or perforated.

#### ***In a Commercial or Industrial district?***

Fences are only allowed in the side & rear yard and may not exceed 6 feet. Fencing or screening may be *required* for certain areas.



#### ***In a Historic District?***

Any fence proposed on a property in the Historic District requires a *Certificate of Appropriateness*.

**For further information on fences in historic districts, please contact the Preservation Office: (816) 439-4537.**