

## Residential Fences

### General Information

- A fence is a partition, structure, wall, or gate erected as a dividing marker, barrier, or enclosure.
- A zoning permit is required prior to constructing or erecting any fence. There is a \$50 fee charged for all zoning permits.
- A drawing of the proposed fence location on a survey or a scaled site plan is required. It is the responsibility of the property owner to locate all property lines prior to installation.
- Every fence shall be maintained to not become a hazard, eyesore, or public or private nuisance.
- Any fence that encloses a portion of the yard must have a gate parallel to the front yard line to provide adequate ingress and egress.
- No fences shall be placed or extended into public rights-of-way.

### Fences in Yards Abutting a Public Street

- Limited to 4 feet tall within the required setback
- Fences in the required front yard shall not exceed 4 feet in height and shall have a design that is at least 25% open.
- A 6-foot-tall fence in the side or rear yard must meet the full street setback for the zoning district.
- With an approved Conditional Use Permit, a 6-foot-tall fence may be allowed closer to property lines abutting an arterial street.

### Boundary Line Fences *(Any fence located closer than 8 feet to a property line)*

- All boundary line fences must be at least 25% open in design.
- Fences may be constructed to a height of 6 feet on or along the side yard property line from the rear lot line to the required front yard setback line.
- On a property where the rear property line abuts the side property line of the adjoining property, a boundary line fence may not exceed 4 feet when abutting a front yard line.
- Fences may be placed on the property lines, if the adjoining property owners agree to the placement in writing. Otherwise, the fence must be placed on the property of the fence owner and at least 3 feet from any existing parallel fence.

### Special Situations

#### *Shoreline Fences*

- No fence shall be allowed within the shoreline setback area

- Shoreline fences between the shoreline setback and the principal building shall not be taller than 4 feet

#### *Pool Fences*

- Pools shall be completely enclosed by a non-climbable fence at least 4 feet tall with self-latching, self-closing gates capable of being locked to restrict access from adjoining properties

#### *Sport Court Fences*

- Sport court fences made of chain link or woven wire can be constructed up to 10 feet tall, and the entire fence and sport court must meet the required setbacks for the zoning district

#### *Enclosure Fences*

- Within a rear yard, a solid fence up to six feet in height may be erected as a total enclosure. The enclosure shall not exceed 25% of the required rear yard area and shall have adequate means of emergency access.

### **Material & Design**

- Prohibited fences:
  - Electric
  - Barbed wire
  - Any wire fence that is not attached to another fence of opaque material (must be plainly visible)
- The finished side shall face abutting property or street right-of-way
- 25% open in design can be achieved in multiple ways including, but not limited to:
  - Chain link
  - Lattice design
  - Alternating board-on-board
- Fence posts may extend above the fence height by 8 inches