

What is a Fence?

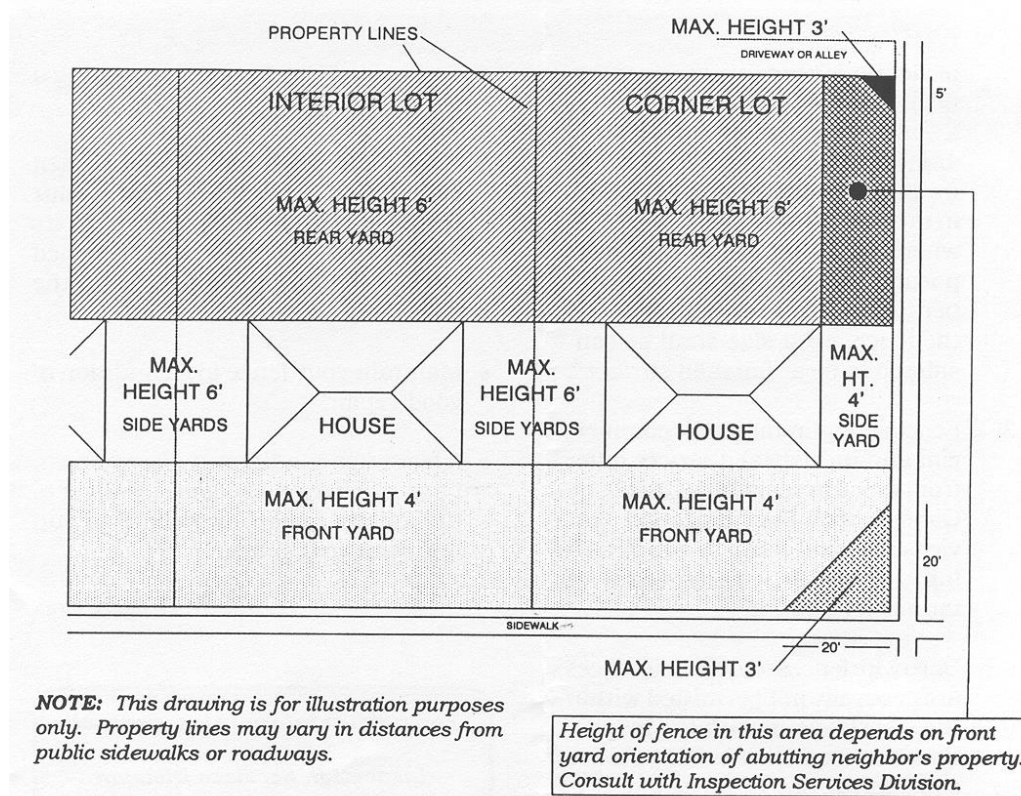
A fence is a structure accessory to and customarily incidental to the principal use which is erected within a rear, side or front yard as a barrier, divider or enclosure. It must be constructed of material manufactured for such purpose.

Setback Requirements

Fences can be located up to the property line.

Height Requirements

- The maximum height in a front yard, side yard adjacent to a street in front of the rear wall of the principal building, or rear yard abutting a neighbor's front yard is four feet. In any other side yard or rear yard, the maximum height is six feet. Consult the Inspection Services Division if your rear yard abuts a neighbor's front yard.
- When fencing height provisions for one lot are more restrictive than such provisions for an abutting lot with the same lot line, the more



restrictive provision shall apply.

- On corner lots, within twenty feet of the corner of such lot adjacent to the street intersection, no fence shall exceed three feet above the curb level, directly opposite, except chain link fences with a mesh of two inches or more shall be permitted within such area to a maximum height of four feet.

- Within five feet of any driveway access to a street or alley, or alley access to a street, no fence shall exceed three feet in height, except chain link fences with a mesh of two inches or more.

Notes:

1. The height requirements also apply to closely grown hedges in the vision triangle.
2. The "finished surface of the a wood or screening fence shall be installed facing the exterior of the lot which is viewed by surround-

ing properties. Finished means that side of a fence which does not contain any exposed supporting posts or framing members; provided that, in the case of a double-sided fence, where an equal amount of supporting posts and framing members are visible on both sides of the fence, each side shall be considered to be a “finished surface”.

3. Fencing requirements for commercial and industrial districts differ from those in residential districts. Consult with the Inspection Services Division prior to constructing a fence in a commercial or industrial district.

4. Barb wire fences and electric fences are generally not permitted within the city. Consult with the Inspection Services Division if you are considering one of these fences.

CONSTRUCTION TIPS

- Locate your property corners prior to construction of any fence to be located along a property line.
- Leave enough clearance between the fence and the property line for accessibility for maintenance.

- Locate all underground utilities Such as gas, telephone, electric and Cable TV prior to construction. Call Diggers Hotline at 1-800-242-8511 to request this service.

- Have your neighbors in mind when you design your fence, since your neighbors are as concerned with its appearance as you are. (A “finished” surface must be installed to face the exterior of the lot.)

- Maintain your fence in a condition of good repair.

- A fence in a condition of disrepair can be an eyesore and become a danger to the safety, health or welfare of you and your neighbors.

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