

## QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions that this brochure did not answer or if there was something you did not understand or need clarified, please feel free to call City Hall at (952) 955-2681 and we will be happy to answer any questions you have.



## BUILDING A FENCE

## WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?



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# YOU HAVE DECIDED TO BUILD A FENCE. NOW WHAT?

You must first complete a general building permit application, available at City Hall. Include two copies of a certified survey of the property showing the proposed location, size, and type of the fence to City Hall for review.

The plans are reviewed to ensure they follow the ordinance regarding fences including type, height, and location.

## WHAT DOES THE ORDINANCE SAY?

The ordinance takes into consideration aesthetics, safety, and the overall image of your town.

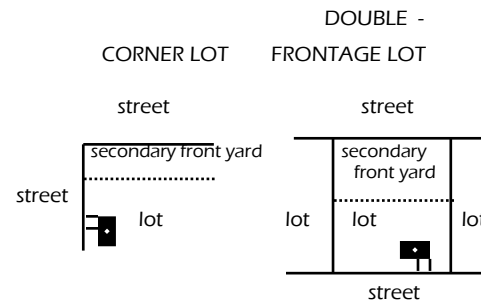
## THINGS TO CHECK AND KNOW:

- Fences may be built in some easements at your own risk.
- Fences are permitted in all yards.
- Both sides of the fence should be equally attractive. If this is not possible, the less desirable side shall face the owner's property.

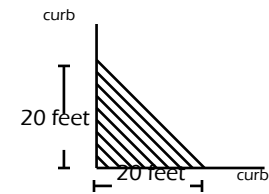


**An example of an ornamental fence.**

- Ornamental fences may be built to 36 inches in height. An ornamental fence is a fence through which clear vision is possible from one side to the other for 50 percent or more of the structure, as viewed on a horizontal plane. Such fence may include picket, post and rail, and split rail. Chain link is not considered ornamental.
- Fences can be built to 6 feet in height in side and rear yards. Corner and double frontage lots have additional requirements. A corner lot refers to a lot situated at the intersection of two streets. A double frontage lot refers to a lot where two of the boundaries lie along streets.



- A non-ornamental fence may be constructed in the secondary front yard (see diagram) of a corner lot if a 30 foot setback is provided.
- A non-ornamental fence may be constructed in the secondary front yard (see diagram) of a double frontage lot where there is no buffer.
- No fence shall interfere with the sight triangle. This means that at the corner of intersecting streets or driveways there is a triangle of space that needs to be open for sight. When you are 20 feet from the corner of where the two streets connect, you should be able to see at least 20 feet down the adjacent streets with no obstructions from 2 - 8 feet off the ground.



- Barbed wire or similar and/or electrical fences are not permitted. This does not include underground electric pet fencing.
- Slats in or upon chain link fences are not permitted.
- Fences are not allowed in wetland or drainage areas.
- Please check your neighborhood's private covenants.