

# Zoning Regulations for Fences

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## **Zoning Regulations for Fences in Front & Rear Yards**

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The following general rules regulate the location, height and installation of fences in the city's residential zoning districts. Please contact the city's Planning & Zoning Office at (989)894-8180 or the city's Zoning Officer at (989)894-8176 with any questions you may have or if clarification regarding these rules is desired.

### **Permit Required**

A fence permit must be obtained from the city's Planning and Zoning office before the installation or replacement of fences.

### **Location**

1. Fences may be installed along front, side and rear lot lines.
2. Chain link fences are not permitted in front yards, though are permitted in side and rear yards and in side-street side yards on corner lots.

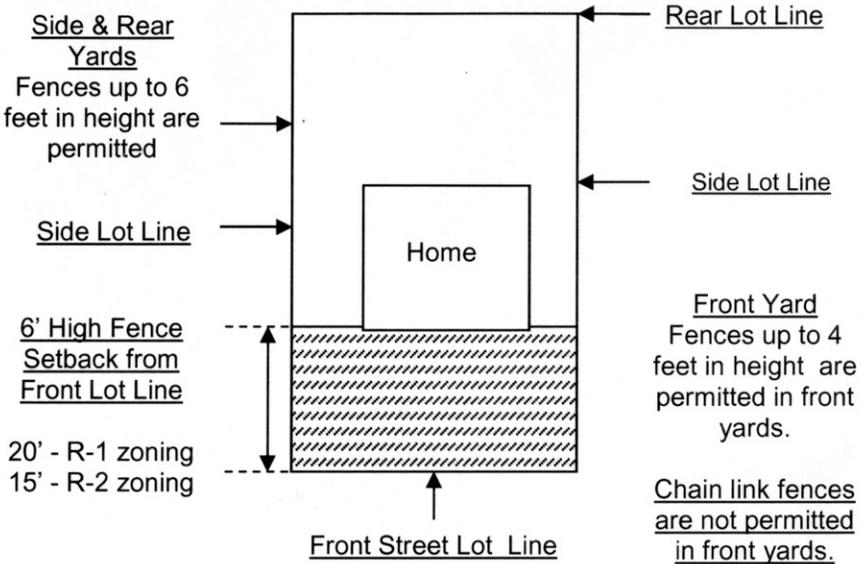
### **Orientation**

The finished side of new and replacement fences must face surrounding properties. All supporting posts and cross-members must face the lot on which a new or replacement fence is located.

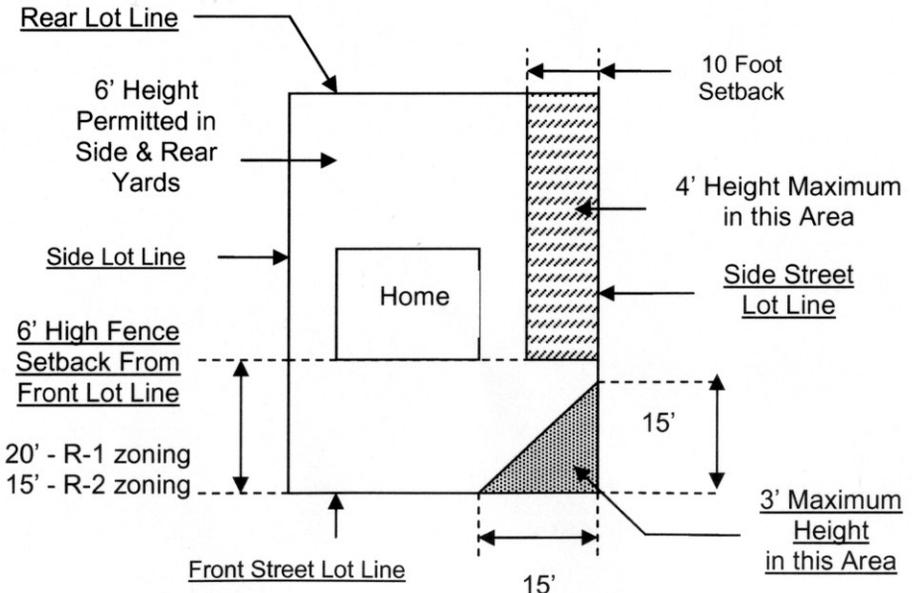
### **Height**

1. Fences in front yards may be up to 4 feet in height. Side and rear yards fences may be up to 6 feet in height (see Illustration 1).
2. Fences on Corner Lots (see Illustration 2):
  - a. Fences closer than 10 feet to a side-street lot line may be up to four feet in height.
  - b. Fences 10 feet or more from a side-street lot line may be up to 6 feet in height.
  - c. Fences more than 50 percent solid may not exceed 3 feet in height in street intersection and driveway unobstructed sight zones (see Illustrations 2 & 3).

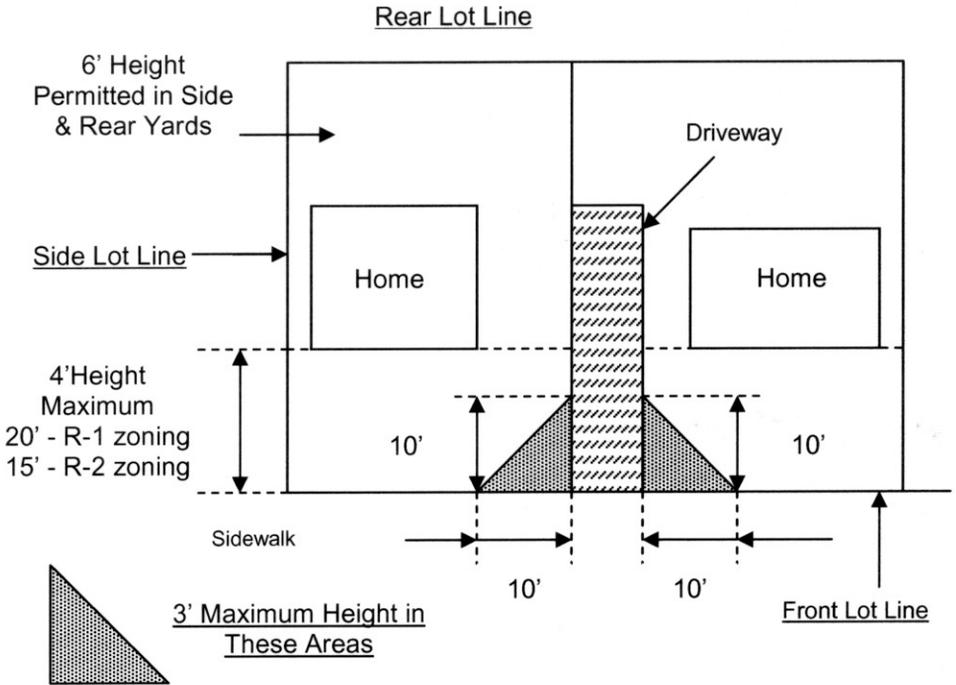
### Illustration 1: Interior Lot - Height in Front & Rear Yards



### Illustration 2: Corner Lot - Fence Height in Street Intersection Sight Zone & Side Street Side Yard



### Illustration 3: Height in Driveway Sight Zone



Please contact the city's Planning & Zoning Office at (989)894-8180, or the city's Zoning Officer at (989)894-8176, to find out how the general rules outlined in this pamphlet will regulate your proposed fence.

*Please note that different rules typically apply to fences on corner lots.*

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*Contact the Planning & Zoning Office to review fence regulations for commercial and industrial buildings as they are not covered by this pamphlet.*