What do I need to know to put up a fence on my property?



Fences are regulated by the Town's Unified Development Ordinance, but no permit is required. Failure to follow the regulations may result in a zoning violation and enforcement by the Town.

Fences at corner lots cannot be over a height of 30 inches within a triangular area formed by a diagonal line between two points on the right-of-way lines, 25 feet from where they intersect.

No fence or wall more than three (3) feet in height which is more than seventy-five percent (75%) solid, may be placed in any front yard, including along the side lot line or in the yard to

the front of any principal building.

Fences may not exceed six (6) feet in height, except as approved by the Town Council.

Fences are exempt from setback requirements.

7.3.10. Fences.

Fences and walls that meet these requirements are permitted as accessory uses and shall comply with the following:

- **7.3.10.1.** For the purposes of this section of this ordinance, a fence is a barrier composed of wire, wood, metal, plastic, or a similar material and a wall is a barrier composed of brick, stone, rock, concrete block, or a similar masonry material. Electric fences and fences constructed with razor or barbed wire are prohibited except when used to enclose livestock on bona fide farm, for public or quasi-public institutions for public safety or security purposes, or for industrial uses in the Light or Heavy Industrial Zoning District for security purposes.
- **7.3.10.2.** No fence or wall more than forty-eight (48) inches in height, which is more than seventy-five (75) percent solid, may be placed in the front of a principal structure.
- **7.3.10.3.** Fences shall be installed such that exposed framing faces the interior yard and not toward adjacent properties or public rights-of-way.
- **7.3.10.4.** Fences and walls may not exceed seven (7) feet in height, except that in commercial and industrial districts, a fence may not exceed ten (10) feet in height. Fences greater than seven (7) feet in height shall be of an open type similar to woven wire or wrought iron. Fences and walls may exceed the height requirements of this section if required or specifically authorized in another section of this ordinance or with a special use permit.
- **7.3.10.5.** Fences and walls are exempt from the setback requirements of this ordinance.
- **7.3.10.6.** No fence or wall shall impede vision as regulated in Section 2.21 of this ordinance.
- **7.3.10.7.** Fences and walls approved with a special use permit shall not adversely impede light or airflow to adjoining properties.
- **7.3.10.8.** Fences, if replaced, shall meet the requirements of this section.
- **7.3.10.9.** Fences and walls seven (7) feet or less in height meeting the requirements of this ordinance shall not require a zoning permit.

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