



Fence Requirements

Permit Required:

A written permit from the Code Enforcement Officer is required for the alteration or addition of a fence ([§ 125-77 C \(7\)](#)).

Definition:

FENCE: A structure commonly made of wooden or metal posts, boards, rails, bricks, stones, PVC, wire mesh, masonry or similar materials, erected for the purpose of enclosing a yard or portion thereof, for screening or decoration, or for marking the general location of a lot boundary. A fence, for purposes of this definition, includes all posts or other supports as well as all ornamentation, decorations and finials ([§ 125-109](#)).

General Standards:

- Fences shall be set back 18 inches from the property line to allow both sides to be maintained from the land belonging to the owner of the fence and sufficient to allow compliance with driveway and sight distance standards ([§ 125-67 B \(6\) \(a\)](#)).
- Fences may be installed along a property line, provided that the abutting property owners consent to the location and agree to provide access for maintenance on the fence side separately and there is compliance with driveway and sight distance standards ([§ 125-67 B \(6\) \(a\)](#)).
- Fences shall be erected with the finished side facing abutting properties or rights-of-way ([§ 125-69 O](#)).
- Fences shall be no more than eight feet in height in business and industrial districts and of not more than seven feet in all other districts. Structures which may require taller fences surrounding them, such as, but not limited to, swimming pools, tennis courts, baseball fields, and other similar structures shall have fences of not more than 14 feet in height in all districts. Fences may be more than eight feet in height but less than 12 feet in business and industrial districts and more than seven feet in height but less than 14 feet in all other districts, provided the abutting property owners give written consent to the increased height ([§ 125-69 O](#)).
- Fences must comply with the setback distances ([§ 125-69 O](#)).