

FENCE STANDARDS
RESIDENTIAL
Reference Springfield Development Code 16.090

A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT MUST BE OBTAINED FROM THE BUILDING SAFETY DIVISION FOR FENCES OVER 6 FEET IN HEIGHT

A residential fence must adhere to the following HEIGHT and LOCATION standards:

The maximum height for a residential fence is 6 FEET, provided it is located:

- **BEHIND THE 10-FOOT FRONT YARD SETBACK**
Within the 10-foot front yard setback, the maximum height is:
3 feet if a sight-obscuring fence is used (e.g. wood)
4 feet if an unslatted cyclone fence is used
- **OUTSIDE THE 25-FOOT VISION CLEARANCE TRIANGLE (corner lots only)**
Within the 25-foot vision clearance triangle (corner lots) the maximum height is 2 ½ feet, regardless of the type of fencing material used
- **OUTSIDE THE 15-FOOT VISION CLEARANCE TRIANGLE (alley access)**
Within the 15-foot vision clearance triangle (alley access), the maximum height is 2 ½ feet, regardless of the type of fencing material being used
- **10 FEET FROM ANY DRIVEWAY**
Within 10 feet of any driveway, the maximum height is:
3 feet if a sight obscuring fence is used (e.g. wood)
4 feet if an unslatted cyclone fence is used
- **RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES ABUTTING COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS**
Height of 10 feet for residential properties abutting commercial or industrial districts along common property lines

OTHER STANDARDS

- Special approval must be obtained from the Community Services Division prior to the installation of a fence on an easement
- Fences must be in accordance with the screening standards of Section 31.160 of the Springfield Development Code
- 6-foot fences within the 10-foot front yard setback will be reviewed under a type III procedure (discretionary use)
- The use of a barb wire and electrified fencing on lots less than 20,000 sq. ft. shall be reviewed under type III procedure (SDC 16.090(2)(d))
- Residential properties abutting public utility facilities, school yards and playgrounds or 4-lane highways may have fence of equal height (8-feet)

WASHBURNE HISTORIC DISTRICT:

Fences built in the Washburne Historic District must be approved by the City Historical Coordinator