



**Application for a Fence Permit**

File Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Application Fee \$20: **\$20.00**  
 Receipt #: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Applicant's Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Applicant's Phone and e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subject Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner's: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's Phone and email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subject Property Assessor's Map and Tax Lot: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Provide the Following Information**

Base Zoning:	Overlay Zoning:	Floodplain:	Wetland:	Clear Vision Area:	Cross Streets/ Railroad Name:
Front Yard Fence:	Setback:	Height:	Type:		
Rear Yard Fence:	Setback:	Height:	Type:		
Side Yard Fence:	Setback:	Height:	Type:		
Street Side Yard Fence:	Setback:	Height:	Type:		

**Please Attach a Site Plan Map That Includes the Following**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scale, north arrow, and date of map</li> <li>Property dimension</li> <li>Property lines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing Fences and walls</li> <li>Location, width, and purpose of any existing easements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Natural features, such as waterways, floodplain, floodway, or riparian areas, wetlands, trees, topography, etc.</li> </ul>
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**By signing below, I (we) acknowledge that this permit authorizes construction of a fence on the subject property only. This permit does not authorize the construction of a fence on any property other than the property reviewed. It is the property owner(s) responsibility to determine the location of their property lines. City inspections will only be performed if the fence requires a building permit; or if it is located on a corner property within a front or street side yard; or if it is located at the intersection of two streets, an alley and a street, a driveway and a street, or a street and a railroad right-of-way.**

Applicant Signature and Date \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner Signature(s) and Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Planning Review (Office Use Only)**

- Approved       Inspection Required      Inspection is required: Call the Building Division at  
 Denied       Inspection Not Required      (541) 367-7993 when the fence is completed

Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

Signature and Date (Approvals are valid for 180 days from the date signed) \_\_\_\_\_



### **8.04.080 FENCES**

All fences and walls, including but not limited to chain link, wood, brick, and masonry construction, shall be kept in good repair, sound structural condition, and shall provide a neat appearance in keeping with the character of the neighborhood. No fence is allowed to become or remain in a condition of disrepair including, but not limited to noticeable leaning, missing slats, and broken supports. At all times, fences and walls shall be kept free from graffiti, undergrowth, weeds and other unsightly matter.

(Ord. 1246, § 1, 2015; Ord. 955, 1986)

### **17.04.020 DEFINITIONS**

**FENCE** - Any permanent partition, structure, or gate erected as a dividing marker, barrier, or enclosure, including hedges, or living bushes or shrubs, encircling either wholly or any portion of any area.

**FENCE, SIGHT OBSCURING** - A continuous fence, wall, evergreen planting or combination thereof, constructed and/or planted so as to effectively screen the particular use from view.

### **17.52 FENCING AND SCREENING**

#### **17.52.010 PURPOSE**

Fences can create a sense of privacy, protect children and pets, provide separation from busy streets, and enhance the appearance of property. The negative effects of fences can include the creation of street walls that inhibit police and community surveillance, decrease the sense of community, hinder emergency access, lessen solar access, hinder the safe movement of pedestrians and vehicles, and create an unattractive appearance. These standards are intended to promote the positive aspects of fences and to limit the negative ones.

For purposes of this Chapter, "front yard" means a yard extending across the full width of a lot or parcel of land and extending from the front lot line to the entire actual front building line or shall be the same as the respective front setbacks required by the underlying zone, whichever is less. The following standards shall apply to all fences, hedges, and walls.

#### **17.52.020 GENERAL STANDARDS**

Construction of fences and walls shall conform to all of the following requirements:

- A. Permits Required. No person shall construct or reconstruct any fence or wall without first obtaining a permit.
- B. Clear Vision Areas. All fences, hedges, and walls adjacent to a roadway intersection shall comply with clear vision requirements.
- C. Land Use Approval. The Planning Commission may require installation of walls and/or fences as a condition of development in a land use approval. When so conditioned by a land use action, no further land use review is required for the fence or wall.
- D. Measuring Fence Height. Fence height shall be measured from the average height of the grade adjacent to where the fence is to be located. If a fence is to be constructed on top of a berm, the height shall be measured from the bottom of the berm. Where the natural grade changes (i.e., hillside or swale) the fence, hedge, and wall height shall change with the grade.

- E. Temporary Fences. A temporary fence may be constructed with wire, rolled plastic, wood or other suitable material as determined by the City Manager or designee. The City Manager or designee shall establish the time duration for a temporary fence not to exceed 12 months. All temporary fences, prior to installation, must first have the approval of the City Manager or designee.
- F. Hedges. Hedges located within five feet of a property line abutting a street shall not exceed a maximum height of three and one-half feet.
- G. Gates. Gates shall not open or swing into public right-of-way.

**17.52.030 MATERIALS**

Fences and walls shall comply with the materials standards set forth in this subsection.

- A. Fences. Fences shall be constructed of materials specifically designed and manufactured for fencing purposes, including, but not limited to, wood, wrought iron, vinyl, aluminum, and chain link (with a top rail support). Materials not specifically designed as fencing material, include, but are not limited to, corrugated cardboard, corrugated metal, plywood, wooden pallets, concrete rubble, and junked material, are prohibited.
- B. Walls. Walls shall be constructed of materials specifically designed and manufactured for use as walls, including, but not limited to, masonry, rock, concrete, concrete block, or other similar materials.
- C. Hazardous Materials. Fences and walls shall not be constructed of or contain any material that will do bodily harm, such as electric or barbed wire, broken glass, spikes, or any other hazardous or dangerous materials, except as follows:
  - 1. Barbed wire is permitted on top of a six-foot tall fence in the industrial (M) zone. The total height of the fence and barbed wire is limited to seven feet. Barbed-wire-only fences are prohibited except as allowed in subsection "a." below:
    - a. Livestock Containment. Where cattle, sheep, horses or other livestock are permitted or existed when the property was annexed to The City, barbed wire is permitted when used to contain or restrict livestock provided that the fences are posted at 15-foot intervals with clearly visible warnings of the hazard.
  - 2. Above ground electrically charged fences are only permitted when used to pasture or control livestock, for farming or other similar agricultural uses in zones where such uses are permitted and when the following standards can be met:
    - a. On boundary fences, the electrically charged wires shall be located on the inside face of the fence posts;
    - b. The electrically charged fence shall not exceed four feet in height;
    - c. The electrically charged fence shall be a pulsed charge system, and not a continuous charge system; and
    - a. Warning signs stating, "Warning, Electric Fence" shall be posted at intervals not less than 15 feet.

**17.52.040 LOCATION AND HEIGHT - RESIDENTIAL ZONES**

*Residential Zoning Districts (R-1, R-2, R-3, MU)*. The maximum height of a fence and wall within residential zoning districts shall be as follows:

- A. Fences and Walls
  - 1. Front Yard Abutting Street. Fences and walls within a front yard abutting a street shall not exceed a maximum height of three and one-half feet when constructed with solid materials (i.e. wood fence) or four feet when constructed with open material (i.e. chain-link fence).

2. Side and Rear Yards Abutting Street.
  - a. Fences and walls located less than three feet from a street property line shall not exceed a maximum height of three and one-half feet when constructed with solid materials (i.e. wood fence) or four feet when constructed with open material (i.e. chain-link fence).
  - b. Fence and walls located more than three feet from the street property line shall not exceed a maximum height of seven feet.
3. Interior Side and Rear Yards. Fences and walls located at a property line not abutting a street shall not exceed a maximum height of seven feet.
4. Through lots. Fences and walls shall be constructed in accordance with the front setbacks required by underlying zone on both streets.
5. Flag lots. On flag lots, the maximum height of a front yard fence or wall shall not exceed seven feet, provided the front yard of the flag lot is abutting interior side or rear yards on all sides.
  - a. Fences and walls located in the portion of the pole that abut a front or corner side yard (i.e. from the street property line to the front building line of the adjacent property, or respective front setbacks required by underlying zone, whichever is less) shall not exceed a maximum height of three and one half feet when constructed with solid materials (i.e. wood fence) or four feet when constructed with open material (i.e. chain-link fence).

**17.52.050 LOCATION AND HEIGHT – NON-RESIDENTIAL ZONES**

The maximum height of fences and walls within the commercial and industrial zones, shall be as follows.

**A. Yards Abutting Street**

1. Fences and walls located less than five feet from a street property line shall not exceed a maximum height of three and one-half feet when constructed with solid materials (i.e. wood fence) or four feet when constructed with open material (i.e. chain-link fence).
2. Fences and walls located more than five feet from the street property line shall not exceed a maximum height of seven feet.

**B. Interior Side and Rear Yards.** Fences and walls located at a property line not abutting a street shall not exceed a maximum height of seven feet.

**C. Barbed Wire.** Barbed Wire may be used in the City Limits.

**17.52.060 PLACEMENT OF FENCING ON PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY OR EASEMENTS**

Fences may be constructed on public rights-of-way and/or easements subject to certain restrictions. Construction of fences on public rights-of-way or easements requires permission from the appropriate public agency. The City allows placement of fences on public rights-of-way and certain easements, provided that action does not impair The City's ability to address its public functions and the permit holder agrees to remove the fence upon request.

**17.52.070 PATHWAY FENCING**

**A.** When residential construction includes a pathway or walkway intended to be constructed adjacent to these pedestrian type features, the Applicant shall install along the full length of the property frontage intersecting or encountering these features, a fence composed of metal, rock or vinyl material with the supporting wood treated posts placed on an adequate concrete footing. Pathway or walkway type fencing shall be installed in such a fashion as to provide better visibility from adjacent homes or buildings and to assure public safety and avoid a tunneling effect associated with tall fences bordering narrow pathways.

- B. See-through pathway fencing shall not exceed five feet in height and solid fencing shall not exceed four feet in height the length of the property frontage intersecting or encountering the pathway, walkway or greenbelt.

**17.52.080 FENCES REQUIRED FOR SIGHT-OBSCURING PURPOSES**

- A. Sight obscuring fences shall be constructed of an aluminum mesh fencing with slats or other solid non-vision-type fencing of such design and material that will retain its attractiveness with nominal maintenance.
- B. The following uses are declared to require sight obscuring fences: junkyards, wrecking yards, equipment or vehicle salvage storage yards, auction blocks, lumberyards, sanitary landfills, recycling collection stations and other uses determined to be similar in nature to the aforementioned as determined by the community and economic development director or designee.

**17.52.090 FENCE ADVERTISING OR SIGNAGE**

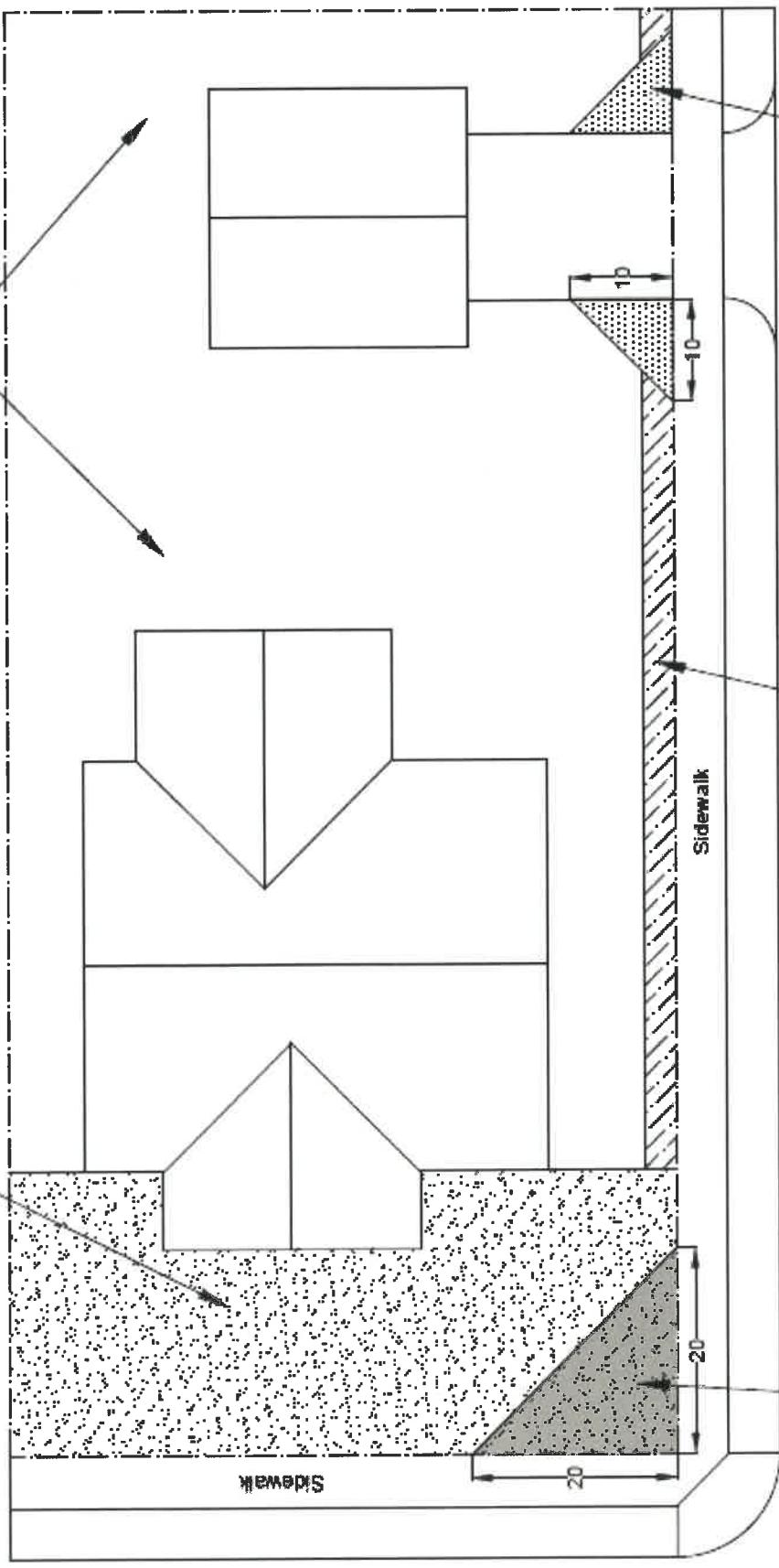
- A. Except as noted in item "B.", no signage may be installed on fencing except for advisory purposes (such as "no trespassing") consistent with the sign code provisions in this Development Code. No such sign shall exceed two square feet and no such sign shall be located closer than 20 feet from any other sign posted on the same fence.
- B. Signs may be placed on the interior side of fences delineating athletic fields, such as the outfield fence at a baseball park.

**17.52.100 SWIMMING POOL FENCING**

All swimming pools shall be enclosed by a locking fence of at least six (6) feet in height. An existing structure or structures may be incorporated into the fence design.

**Front Yard**  
Solid fences shall not exceed 3.5' in height.  
Open fences shall not exceed 4' in height.  
from building line or 20 foot front set back (whichever is less)

**Rear Yard and interior side yard**  
Shall not exceed 7' in height. May be solid.



**Clear Vision Area**  
Solid fences shall not exceed 2' in height.  
Open fences shall not exceed 4' in height.

**Street side behind front building line**  
When within 3' of street side property line.  
Solid fences shall not exceed 3.5' in height.  
Open fences shall not exceed 4' in height.

**Driveway Clear Vision Area**  
Solid fences shall not exceed 2' in height.  
Open fences shall not exceed 4' in height.

CLEAR VISION ZONE EXAMPLE

