

FENCES

The following requirements pertain to “residential” fences. There are separate requirements and specifications for business and industrial fences. Please contact the Building & Zoning Office concerning those requirements.

The property owner is responsible for locating the property lines.

Location of Fence: All fences shall be located entirely upon the private property of the person, firm, or corporation constructing or causing the construction of such fence. The owner of the fence is required to maintain both sides of the fence.

When owners of adjoining properties agree, in writing, then such fence may be erected on the property line between the two properties. The written agreement shall contain at least the following information: The names of all the owners of both properties, the legal descriptions of the properties, the term for which this fence shall remain on the property line (either specific term or whether the fence may remain on the property through changes in property owners, etc.), who shall be responsible for maintenance of the fence and the area on which the fence sits. (Note: It is recommended that the parties seek legal advice to assure that the agreement contains all the proper elements.) This written agreement shall be signed by all property owners and notarized, and the original agreement shall be recorded in the Office of the County Recorder.

All fences to be located within a utility easement require a conditional use permit. If utility crews need to install or repair underground utilities, you will be required to remove the fence to allow such utility work.

No fence shall obstruct drainage.

Setback and Sight Line: Fences cannot be placed on the boulevard.

Fences cannot interfere with traffic or pedestrian visibility. If the property to be fenced is a corner lot or adjacent to an alley or a driveway, please contact the Building & Zoning Office concerning setback and sight line requirements.

Height of Fence: Fences in residential areas shall not be more than six (6) feet in height—whether the fence is along a side property line or along the rear property line.

Please contact the Building & Zoning Office concerning height requirements if you are planning to construct a fence along the front property line.

Height, setback, and sight line requirements also apply to hedges and walls.

Materials and Construction: Every fence shall be constructed in a substantial workmanlike manner and of substantial material reasonably suitable for the purpose for which the fence is proposed to be used. Electric fencing and barbed wire fencing are not allowed. **All posts or similar supporting instruments used in the construction of fences shall be faced inward toward the property being fenced.** (The “good side” of the fence is to face outward from the property.)

PRIOR TO INSTALLATION OF A FENCE, THE OWNER MUST CALL
“GOPHER STATE ONE CALL” AT: 1-800-252-1166.

This call should be made at least 48 hours prior to the proposed installation date.

“Gopher State One Call” will notify the utilities and they will mark the location of their lines and pipes on your property.