

# FENCE REGULATIONS

This bulletin offers guidance on the standards for fence construction, maintenance, and alteration.

## LOCATION

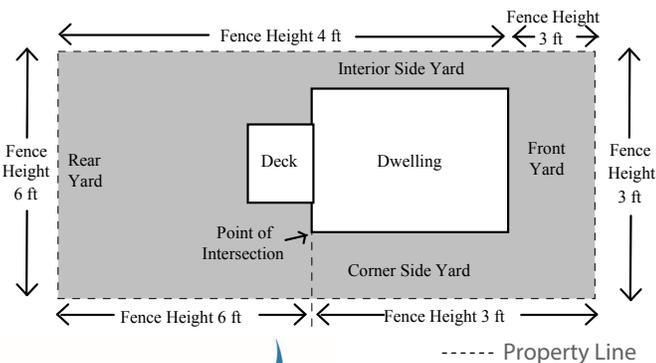
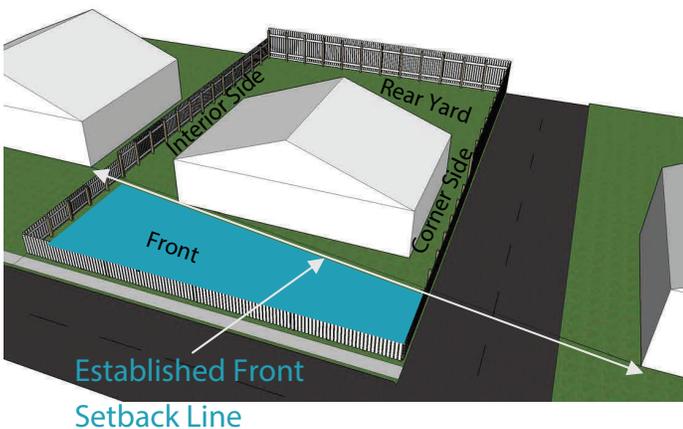
Fences may be erected, placed or maintained along or adjacent to a lot line. It is the property owners responsibility to locate the property lines before construction of any fence (see handout for Survey Requirements and Property Line Location).

No portion of any fence shall encroach upon or project into any public right-of-way or other public property without the fence owner first obtaining an encroachment permit.

No fence shall be constructed or maintained within 15 feet of any street or alley intersection where the zoning administrator finds it to obstruct views of traffic.

## FRONT YARD

Each district has a minimum zoning setback that could be increased (never reduced) by the established front yard: drawing a line from the front corners of the adjacent dwellings. If the line is greater than the district requirement, this is the new front yard setback line. Some lots have two front yards, instead of a corner side yard. These lots are called reverse corner lots (See [Chapter 520.160](#) for the definition of "Lot" to determine your lot type).



## HEIGHT

See the chart below of the maximum fence height based on design and location. Vinyl coated chain link qualifies as open, decorative, ornamental fence. No fence shall exceed 8 feet in height.

	Front Yard Max	Corner Side Yard Max	Interior Side Yard Max	Rear Yard Max
Entire fence is 60% or more solid	3 Ft	3 Ft	4 Ft	6 Ft
Beginning at the rear wall of the house to the rear lot line	NA	6 Ft	6 Ft	NA
If neighbor's house is 5 feet from the property line	NA	NA	6 Ft	NA
Entire fence within the applicable yard is open, decorative, ornamental and at most 60% solid	4 Ft	4 Ft	8 Ft (only if neighbor's house is 5 feet from the property line)	8 Ft

## DESIGN

Permitted Materials (no more than 2 per fence):

- Wood (resistant to decay)
- Metal
- Brick
- Masonry
- Other permanent materials designed for permanent fencing

All fence posts and related supporting members shall be erected so the finish side or sides of the fence face the adjacent property or public right-of-way.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Consult Chapter 535 of the City's Zoning Ordinance Online at:

<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/zoningmaps/>