

Fencing Standards

- (i) **Accessory Parking and Storage.** Vehicles without current registration shall be prohibited on any public street or in any yard. No person shall park any motor truck, truck trailer, trailer, semitrailer or any other vehicle or combination of vehicles weighing more than 10,000 pounds in any residential district, except recreational vehicles or motor homes are allowed if parked in a driveway.
- (j) **Recreational Vehicles and Structures.** Outside storage is permitted for not more than two total of the following: building for ice fishing, mobile camp trailer, snowmobile, camper utility trailer, boat, all-terrain vehicle and personal watercraft, provided that the above vehicles and structures are owned by the owner of the residence. No storage is permitted in front yards, except owner's driveway.

SECTION 84.108 Fencing Standards.

- (a) **Purpose.** The purpose of this Section is to regulate the materials, location, height, and maintenance of fencing, landscaping walls and decorative posts in order to prevent the creation of nuisances and to promote the general welfare of the public.
- (b) **Applicability.** The requirements of this Section apply to all fencing, landscape walls and decorative posts equal to, or exceeding, 36 inches in height, for all land uses and activities.
- (c) **Review and Approval.** Fences shall be reviewed and approved by the Zoning Administrator and shall require a fence permit. Where indicated elsewhere in this section, the applicant may be required to secure a conditional use permit per Section 84.161. An application for a fence permit shall contain the following:
 - (1) A map of the subject property to scale, depicting:
 - a. Location of the proposed fence
 - b. Property lines
 - c. Lot lines
 - d. Setbacks
 - e. Existing structures
 - (2) Photograph(s) illustrating the style, color, and materials to be used for the proposed fence
- (d) **Establishing the Lot Corners.** The applicant shall identify the corners of the property with a one-inch iron pipe.
- (e) **Standards.**
 - (1) **Materials.**
 - a. Residential fences shall be constructed using residential-style fencing including, but not limited to, naturally resistant or treated wood, brick, natural stone, masonry, wrought iron, vinyl, galvanized and/or coated chain link (minimum thickness of 9 gauge and a required top rail support). Chain link fence slats are subject to provisions of this section regarding open and solid fences.

- b. Nonresidential fences shall use the materials listed in Subsection a., above. Corrugated metal or other solid metal fences may only be used in the LI, GI, and ME zoning districts.
- c. Except of a security fence, any fence within any residential or mixed use within the required or provided front yard, whichever is less restrictive, shall be a maximum of 50 percent opaque such as a wood or metal picket or wood rail fence as defined by the spaces between pickets as equal to or greater than the width of the pickets. See Figure 84.108a.
- d. Wire mesh and chain link fencing is not permitted within the required and provided front yard in the RH-35, SR-1, SR-3, SR-4, SR-5, DR-6, MR-8, and MR-16 zoning districts, except when used in conjunction with parks and schools.
- e. Barbed wire fencing is only permitted on the top of security fencing when located at least 6½ feet above the ground. All barbed wire fences require a Conditional Use Permit.
- f. Temporary fencing, including the use of wood or plastic snow fences for the purposes of limiting snow drifting between November 1 and April 1, protection of excavation and construction sites, and the protection of plants during grading and construction is permitted. Permits are not required for temporary fencing.

(2) **Location.**

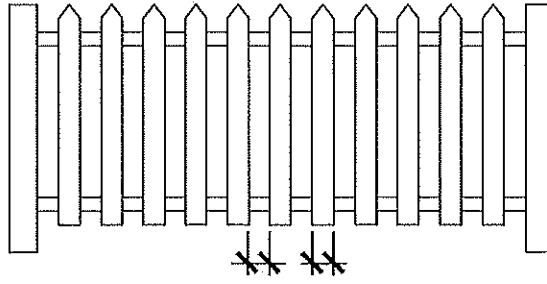
- a. On all properties, no fence or decorative post shall be located closer than 3 feet of the right-of-way line in the provided front yard, provided street side yard property line, or when abutting an alley.
- b. Fences shall be located within any property line abutting a side or year yard.
- c. All fences must meet the visibility standards in Section 84.103.
- d. Fences may be located within easements per the provisions of the easement.
- e. Replacement of fences existing as of the effective date of this Chapter in their current location shall be permitted.

(3) **Maximum Height.** The maximum height of any fence panel, landscape wall, or decorative post shall be the following:

- a. In the C, RH-35, SR-1, SR-3, SR-4, SR-5, DR-6, MR-8, MR-16, and NMU zoning districts:
 - 1. Four feet when located within the required front or provided yard, whichever is closer to the street.
 - 2. Six feet within the side, rear, or street side yard, but not in the required front yard or beyond the front façade of the house, whichever is closer to the street.
- b. In the CMU, MSMU, BP, LI, GI, ME, and PD zoning districts:

1. Eight feet when located behind the front façade of the building or required yard, whichever is closer to the street.
 2. Four feet when located in the required front yard or between the front façade of the building, whichever is closer to the street.
 3. Eight feet for security fences in any yard.
- c. Height shall be measured from the ground immediately under the fence to the top of the fence face.
- d. Height exceptions:
1. Decorative posts at a minimum spacing of 24 inches may extend 8 inches above the maximum height. This exception is not allowed for front yard fences.
 2. To accommodate slopes and/or lawn maintenance, up to 4 inches of ground clearance shall be allowed which will not contribute to the measurement of maximum fence height. This exception is not allowed for front yard fences.
 3. Berms with slopes less than or equal to a minimum of 3 feet of horizontal to a maximum of every 1 foot of vertical (i.e. 3:1) shall not contribute to the measurement of maximum fence height.
 4. Within the RH-35 and C zoning districts, height exceptions may be granted in addition to 1. through 3., above, with the approval of a conditional use.
- (f) **On Fence Lighting.** On fence lighting is permitted and shall conform to all requirements of Section 84.106 as well as the state electrical and building codes.
- (g) **Orientation.** Any and all fences, landscape walls, or decorative posts shall be erected so as to locate visible supports and other structural components toward the subject property.
- (h) **Maintenance.** Any and all fences, landscape walls, or decorative posts shall be maintained in a structurally sound and attractive manner.
- (i) **Swimming Pools.** Fencing for swimming pools shall be provided per the Model Swimming Pool Enclosure Code established by the National Spa and Pool Institute (NSPI), which is available from the Village Department of Public Facilities.

Figure 84.108a: Fencing Standards



50% Max. Opacity
Opening must be at least as wide as picket

Figure 84.108b: Fencing Standards

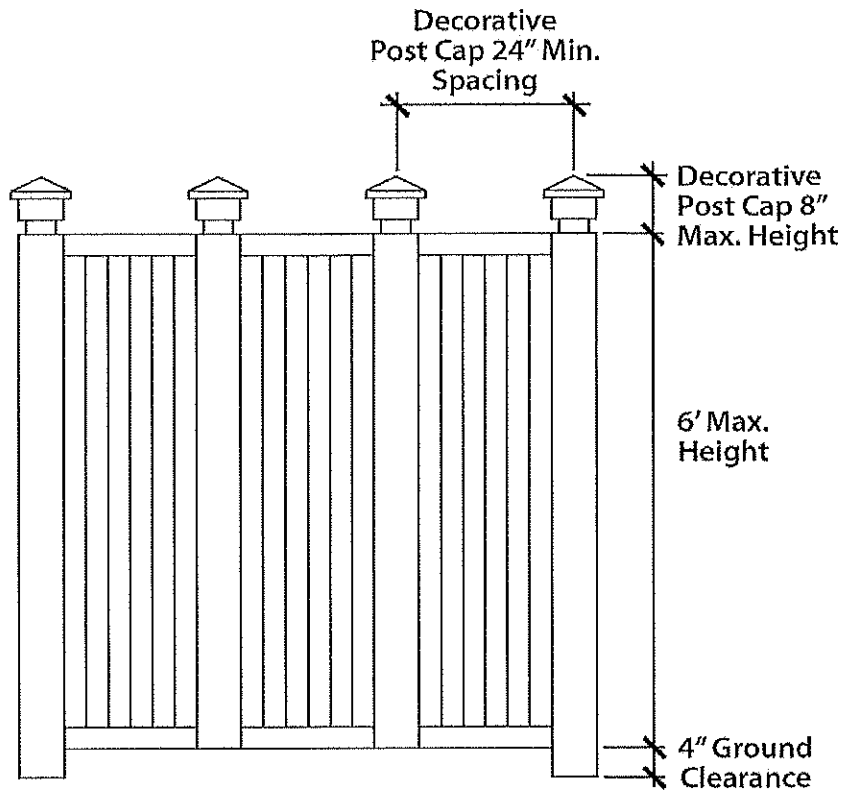


Figure 84.108c: Fencing Standards

