

## GOOD NEIGHBOR FENCING

Good neighbor fencing is defined as approved wood fencing material with the finished side to the exterior of the property or constructed with alternating panels.

### WIRE FENCES

Barbed wire fencing may be permitted for agricultural, community service, commercial or industrial uses when the wire is employed on the top of any other type of fencing, when:

- The barbed wire is a minimum of 6 feet above the finished ground surface; and
- Does not extend over a public way; and
- Does not exceed 8 feet in height.

### "PROHIBITED"

- **Razor wire shall be prohibited.**
- **Electrically charged or sharp pointed fencing is not allowed along a property line shared by a different owner.**

### What about Recreation Areas?

Fence regulations for recreation areas except for public facilities are listed in the Code. The maximum fence height for a recreational court shall be 12 feet, provided that,

- No part of the court fence is within 20 feet of any street; and
- The fence is constructed of wire-mesh (i.e. a chain link fence.)



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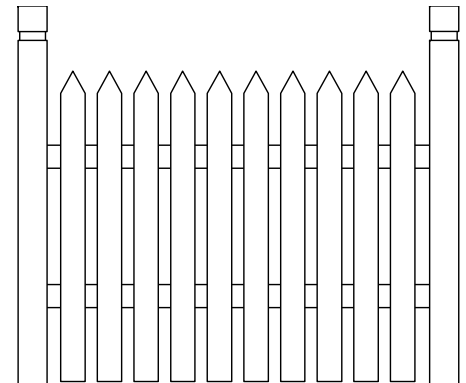
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## STANDARDS

### Corner Lots

Any fence located in the vision clearance area at a property line at a street or alley intersection, shall not exceed 3.5 feet in height measured from the adjacent street elevation.

### Fences-Front Yards

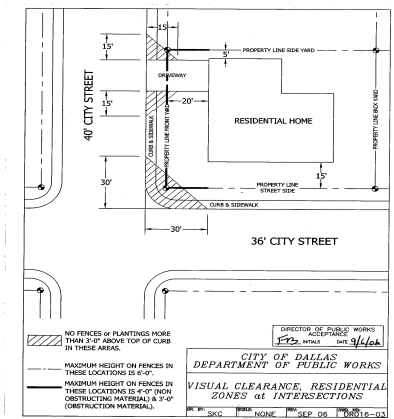
The height of a fence in a front yard other than the vision clearance area shall not exceed 4 feet in height measured from the adjacent street elevation, provided the fence is an open type material, which is non-sight obscuring.

### Fences-Side and Rear Yards

The height of a fence in a side or rear yard shall not exceed 6 feet without a building permit.

### Sight Obscuring

A sight obscuring fence is a 6 foot high fence that is approved to obstruct light and sight.



## RESIDENTIAL ZONES

In a residential zone at public right-of-way intersections, the minimum distance of the "leg" of the vision clearance triangle shall be:

- 30 feet from curb line at intersections involving public streets;
- 15 feet from the curb line at intersections between driveways and alleys.

The following diagram details the information about vision clearance in a residential zoning district.

## VISION CLEARANCE

Vision clearance areas are those areas which abut street and alley or driveway intersections, whether on the subject property or on abutting property. Vision clearance shall be provided with the following distances establishing the size of the vision clearance area, in which no fences, hedges or other objects planted or placed in the vision clearance area may exceed 3.5 feet in height.

## NON RESIDENTIAL ZONES

In all other zones except the CBD the minimum distance of the "leg" of the vision clearance triangle shall be:

- 15 feet in both directions at the curb line at the intersections involving public streets;

- 15 feet in both directions at the curb line at intersections between driveways and alleys;
- 30 feet in both directions at the curb line, when the angle of intersection between streets, other than an alley, is less than 30 degrees.

### **I want to construct a fence on my property...do I need to obtain a permit?**

- Fences in excess of 6 feet in height require a building permit.
- Retaining walls in excess of 4 feet in height require a building permit.

Fences in the City of Dallas are regulated according to the Dallas Development Code. The Code regulates the height, placement and configuration of fences through setbacks and vision clearance areas. The Code also regulates the height of hedges, trees and other objects placed or planted in the vision clearance area.

