

# FENCES

## REGULATIONS & REQUIREMENTS Ch. 23 s. 23.8-456



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### LOCATION:

- A fence may be located up to a property boundary line, but shall not be within 2ft of any road right-of-way or within 75ft of the ordinary high water mark of any navigable body of water.
- A fence may be placed within a utility easement, unless prohibited by the easement holder. The utility authority may remove such fence at owner's expense and is not liable for any damage to or reconstruction of the fence.
- A fence shall not be located within a drainage easement unless it can be shown that the fence will not restrict the flow of storm waters and the easement holder does not object.

**HEIGHT:** The height of a fence may not exceed the maximum heights specified in the following table. Vertical supports of a fence shall not extend more than 24 inches above the top of the highest point of the adjoining fence.

Special height requirements and/or allowances may apply in the following situations:

- fences used to enclose horses,
- stepped fences on a slope,
- commercial fences with special exceptions,
- properties abutting different zoning districts,
- properties abutting access-restricted right-of-ways, and
- fences around utility installations, telecommunication towers, etc.

Maximum fence height				
Location	Residential Zoning Districts	Mixed-Use Zoning Districts	Commercial Zoning Districts	Industrial Zoning Districts
Street yard	4 feet *	4 feet *	10 feet	10 feet
Side yard	6 feet	6 feet	10 feet	10 feet
Rear yard	6 feet	6 feet	10 feet	10 feet

\* 30ft from the road right-of-way; side/rear yard height thereafter

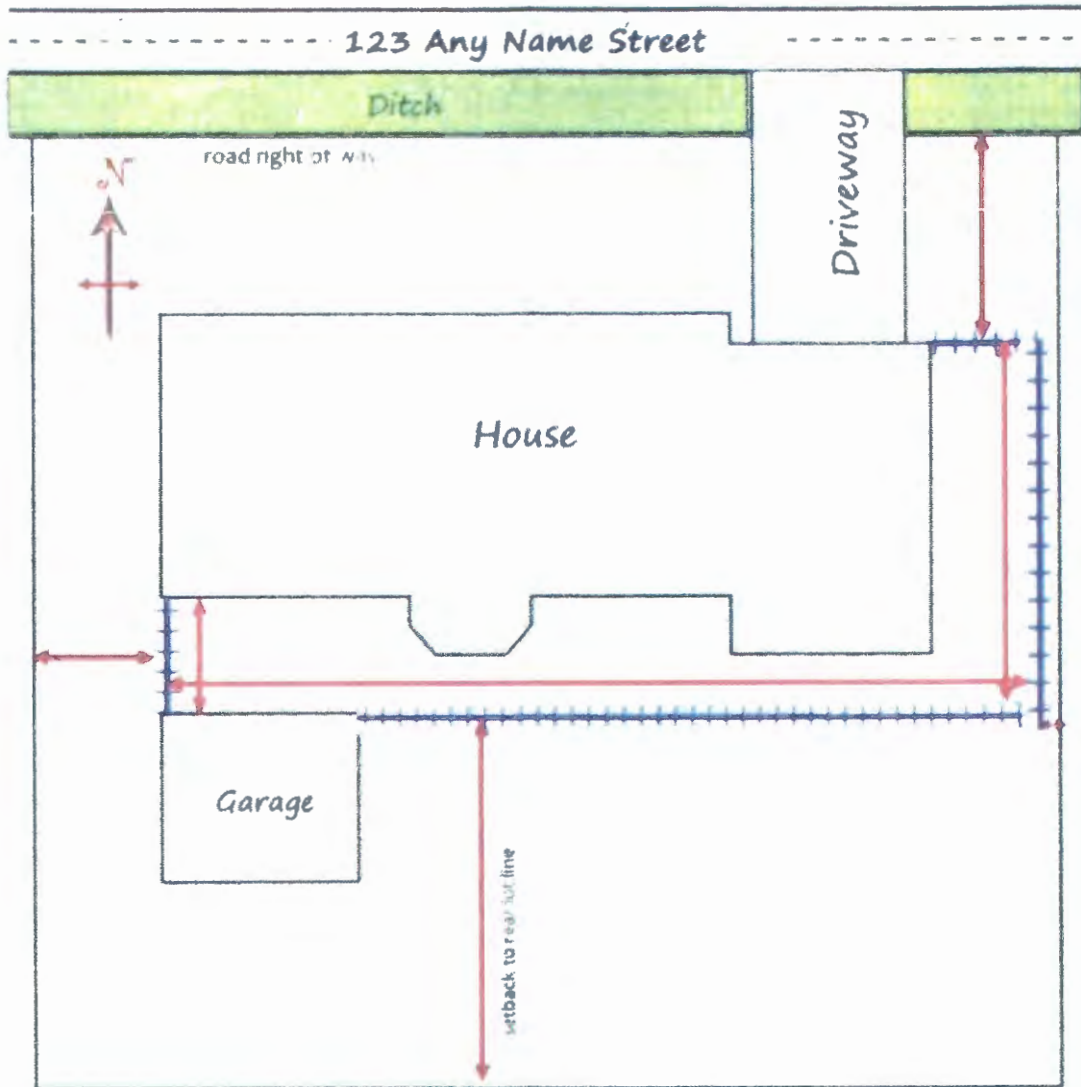
**WIDTH:** The width of a fence shall not exceed 14 inches. The width of a vertical support of the fence shall not exceed 24 inches.

### SPECIAL STANDARDS:

- All non-decorative posts, horizontal supports, cross-members, and the like shall be oriented inward to the lot on which the fence is located.
- A fence located in a street yard setback shall have a maximum opacity of 50 percent (e.g. chain link). All other fences may be solid from the ground to the maximum height.
- Additional special standards apply to fencing around a swimming pool and sport courts. Inquire with the Zoning Department for more information.

**\*\*\*A zoning permit is required for the construction of a fence. The site plan accompanying the application must indicate location, dimensions, and height(s) of the fence.\*\*\***

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### Site plan must include:

- north point & road name
- all existing structures
- proposed fence line with dimensions

### Setbacks to:

- lot lines
- road right-of-way
- Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM),