

CITY OF MEDFORD FENCE INSTALLATION GUIDELINES

The following fact sheet is presented to assist persons interested in installing a 'fence' in the city of Medford

Permit Requirements

- A Building Permit - Remodeling form must be filled out and submitted with the appropriate fee
- A Zoning Permit application is also required, with an accompanying site plan with details regarding the location of the fence and labeled with measurements of the fence with respect to the property lines
- The forms are available on the City's web site

Fence Guidelines

Fences, walls, and continuous linear shrubbery such as hedges are allowed in all yards, with no required setback, provided they meet the following limitations unless otherwise stated.

- All Zoning Districts
 - All fences shall be constructed of appropriate material manufactured for such purpose and shall be maintained in a condition of good repair
 - All fences shall be installed in such a manner so that the finished surface faces the exterior of the lot on which the fence is located. In this paragraph "finished surface" means the side of a fence which does not contain any exposed supporting posts or framing members; provided that in the case of a double-sided fence, where an equal amount of supporting posts and framing members are visible on both sides of the fence, each side shall be considered a "finished surface".
 - When fencing height requirements for one lot are more restrictive than those of an abutting lot, the more restrictive of the two shall apply to both lots, so long as the abutting lots share common zoning.
 - No fence, except an open fence, shall be erected in the "Vision Clearance Triangle" in violation of Section 4.2.2 General Provisions of the Zoning Code.
- The following height restrictions apply to all fences located in Residential Districts:
 - Front yards: not to exceed four (4) feet in height.
 - Side and rear yards: not to exceed six (6) feet in height except that a fence, wall or other barrier enclosing and surrounding a swimming pool may not exceed eight (8) feet in height.
 - Within 5 feet of any driveway or street or alley access: not to exceed (3) feet in height, except chain link fences with a mesh of 2 inches or greater, for which the height restrictions above are permitted.
 - No barbwire or electric fences, except buried dog containment fences are allowed are allowed in all districts (see next section for exception)
- The following height restrictions apply to all fences located in Commercial and Industrial Districts:
 - No fencing to exceed twelve (12) feet in height
 - Barbwire shall only be allowed on the top of security fences at heights of greater than 6 feet.