

Fences & Walls

Information Sheet

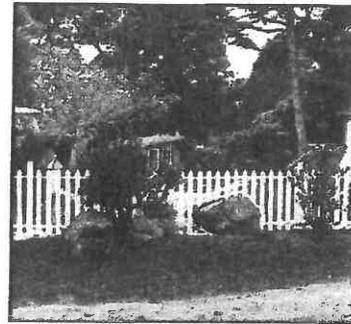


Do I need a permit for a fence or wall?

Yes, in most cases you will need to submit a Design Study Application. If the fence is over six feet in height a building permit is also required.

Appropriate Design & Materials

Fences – The use of grapestakes or wood pickets for fences is encouraged. Fences and gates should have open, transparent qualities, such as open pickets, that permit filtered views into the front garden.



Appropriate hand crafted fences

Walls – Garden walls should have a matte, masonry finish and should be kept low in height. A plain textured plaster wall may be appropriate if kept low in scale and when consistent with the building architecture. Unfinished gray concrete and concrete blocks are inappropriate.

Location

All fences and walls must be located on your private property and are not allowed within the City's public right of way.

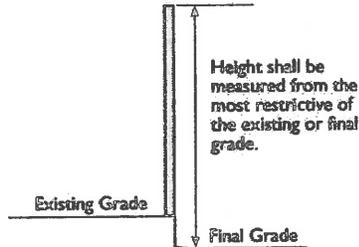
Height

The height depends upon where the fence or wall is located on your property. See the table below for a detailed breakdown of the allowable fence and wall heights.

MAXIMUM FENCE AND WALL HEIGHTS				
Design Element	Setback Location			
	Front Setback	Side Setback	Side Setback Facing Street	Rear Setback
Fence	4 feet*	6 feet	4 feet*	6 feet
Garden Wall	3 feet*	6 feet	3 feet*	6 feet
Retaining Wall	3 feet**	6 feet	3 feet**	6 feet
Pillars and Gates	6 feet	N/A	6 feet	N/A
Arbor/Trellis	7 feet	7 feet	7 feet	7 feet
*These limits shall not be altered through Design Review by the Design Review Board or Planning Commission.				
**Up to 6 feet may be allowed for retaining walls that are not visible from the street.				

How do I measure fence and wall heights?

Retaining walls and fences on top of retaining walls are measured from the ground level on the lower side of the retaining wall. See the example below:



For more detailed information in regards to fences and walls refer to the Residential Design Guidelines section 11.0 and the Municipal Code chapter 17.010.3.E.