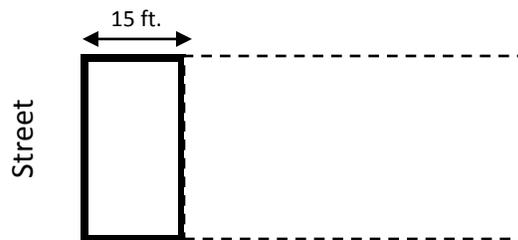




## City of Carmel-by-the-Sea Community Planning and Building Department Information Handout - Fences & Walls

### Do I need a permit for a fence or wall?

A Design Study Permit may be required for the new fencing located within the 15-foot front yard setback and fences not constructed of natural wood materials.



Area shown in bold requires Design Study Approval. Area shown by dashed line does not require Design Study approval, but requires a Notice of Authorized Work

For corner lots, fencing along the street facing property frontages requires Design Study approval. Fencing along the interior property lines does not require a Design Study.

**A Notice of Authorized Work is required for ALL new fencing.**

### 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 pickets, that permit filtered views into the garden.

**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 constituent with the building architecture. Unfinished gray concrete and concrete blocks are inappropriate.

## Location / Height Limits

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

The height depends on where the fence or wall is located on your property.

Maximum Fence and Wall Heights				
Design Element	Front Setback	Side Setback	Side Setback Facing a 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

## Measuring Fence/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, as shown below:

