



Residential Fence Standards

Department of Public Works and Planning
Development Services Division

How High Can My Residential Fence Be?

In residential zone districts, fences, hedges and walls, not greater than six (6) feet in height, shall be permitted on or within all rear and side property lines on interior lots and on or to the rear of all front yard setback lines.

No fence, wall or hedge over three (3) feet in height shall be permitted in any required front yard, or in the required side yard on the street side of a reversed corner lot. In the Rural Residential "RR" district a six (6) foot high fence is allowed in the front and street side yard provided it has 70% open to light.

Fences or structures over six (6) feet in height to enclose tennis courts or other game areas shall be permitted to the rear of the required front yard subject to Director Review and Approval. The review shall include consideration of the effects of mass, noise, and lighting upon surrounding residences.

All Fences over six (6) feet in height require a zoning variance, plans and a building permit.

Does My Fence Establish My Property Line?

No. Fences do not indicate legal property lines. To determine the legal boundaries of your property, it is recommended that a licensed land Surveyor be hired. Code Enforcement cannot resolve property boundary disputes.

How is a Fence Height Measured?

Fence height is measured from the highest elevation at the property line or at the finished grade of the rear or side yard set back, which ever is higher.



How Are Fences Defined?

Fences in Fresno County are defined as structural devices forming a physical barrier which is so constructed that no less than fifty (50) percent of the vertical surface is open to permit the transmission of light, air and vision through said surface in a horizontal plane.

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