

# BASIC REQUIREMENTS - FENCING IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES

WORTHINGTON, MN

## 1. MAXIMUM HEIGHT:

The maximum allowable height for fencing is as follows:

FRONT YARD: **5 feet**

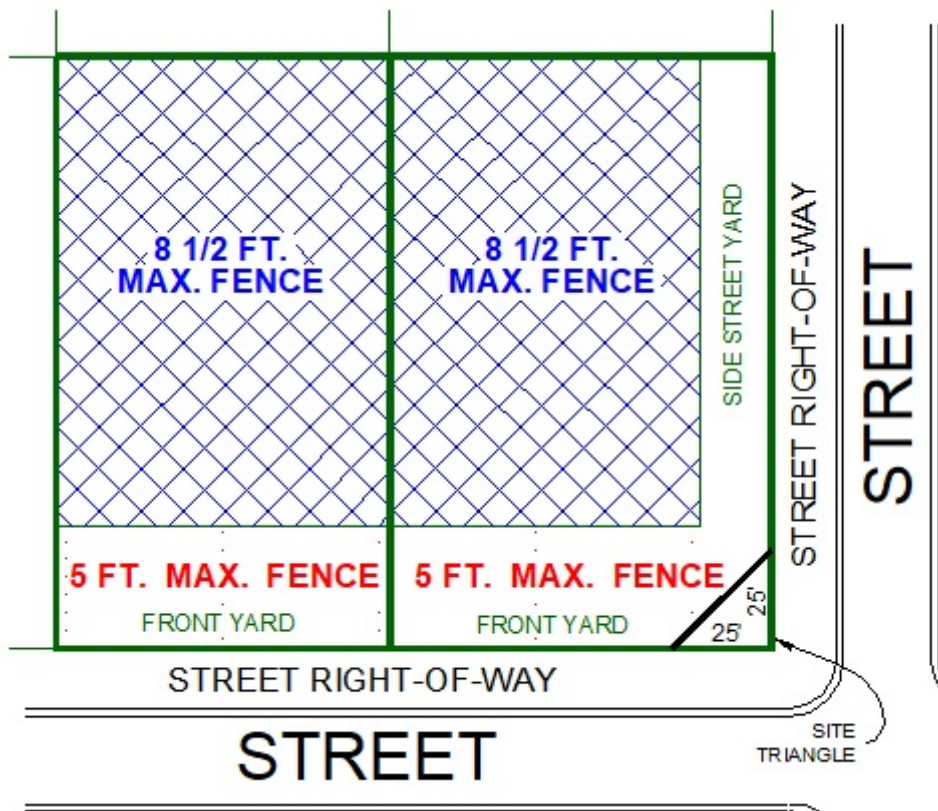
*"Front Yard" is the front yard required by the Zoning Ordinance: 30 feet in R-1, 20 feet in R-2, R-3, R-5 & R-6, and 15 feet in R-4 & R-7. The required front yard may vary depending on the average setback of adjacent structures.[Section 155.040(D)(4)]*

*Corner lots are considered to have two front yards; one along the front of the house and the other along the side street. The required yard along the side street is ½ the required front yard.[Section 155.040(E)]*

SIGHT TRIANGLE: **30 inches** above the adjacent street curbs or street, whichever is higher.

*On corner lots, an area must be maintained for traffic visibility. The "Sight Triangle" is a triangular clear zone, measured 25 feet back from the lot corner along each intersecting street right-of-way line).[Section 155.040(D)(5)]*

OTHER AREAS: **8½ feet**



2. **BUILDING PERMITS:**

A Building Permit is required for fencing over the height of 7 feet. Fences with a board length of no more than 7 feet, and with no more than 3 inches between the bottom of the boards and grade, are not required to get a building permit.

3. **ZONING REGULATIONS:**

Currently, no City regulations exist as to the manner of fence construction with regard to the "ugly" side of the fence. The "ugly" side may face inward toward the property or face outward toward the street. There are currently no City regulations for a fence set back from the property line. The fence should be installed in such a manner as to not encroach onto the neighboring property.

4. **EASEMENTS:**

Although there are no current regulations prohibiting fencing over an existing easement, it is not desired. If, during utility maintenance, the fence is removed by the City or other utility, the replacement of the fence will be the responsibility of the property owner.

5. **PROPERTY LINE LOCATION:**

The City of Worthington does not retain a Registered Land Surveyor on staff. The location of lot lines is the responsibility of the property owner. There are Registered Land Surveyors listed in the yellow pages of the telephone directory. The location of utility boxes, sidewalk joints, unmarked iron posts or other such unidentified monuments cannot be relied upon for the exact location of property boundaries.

*NOTE: The street right-of-way line **is not** the roadway curb or the edge of roadway pavement. In areas having public sidewalks the street right-of-way line is often, but is not always, the inner edge of the public walk.*

City Ordinance 1067: **Walls and Fences**

(1) All walls and fences hereafter erected shall be durable, weather resistant, rust proof and easily maintained. Masonry walls shall be erected on foundations which are a minimum of 42 inches below grade. All fences shall be constructed of stone, brick, wood, wrought iron, PVC, vinyl, aluminum, plastic lumber or chain link materials. Snow fencing and chicken wiring is prohibited. Any material not specified in this section may be permissible through the issuance of a conditional use permit. All walls and fences shall be kept in good condition, plumb and true without damage.

*The above listed requirements may not constitute all the requirements and/or regulations that are applicable to your specific project. Please contact the City to determine any additional requirements or regulations that may be applicable.*

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