FENCE PERMIT (RESIDENTIAL)

DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE BROCHURE

Ask to speak with the Planner about Commercial or Industrial fences.

Front Yard and Street Side Yard: Fences and walls located within the required front yard (typically 25 feet from front property line) or within a 15-foot setback from the street side property line (corner lots only) shall not exceed a height of 3 feet where the fence or wall would provide less than 50% visibility. Fences and walls providing at least 50% visibility shall not exceed a height of 4 feet within the required front yard or within a fifteen-foot setback from the street side property line. Examples of fences that could meet the fifty percent visibility include spaced rail fences, spaced picket fences, and chain link fences.

Rear Yard: Fences and walls located within the rear yard or interior side yard shall not exceed a total height of six (6) feet.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: When is a Fence Permit required?
A: A permit is required for all fence construction where the fence exceeds three feet in height above the adjacent ground.

Q: What information do I need to apply for a fence permit?
A: Submit the following information to the Building Department:
   1. A Commercial or Residential Building Permit Application.
   2. Two copies of a detailed site plan. The site plan must show property lines, the proposed fence, and structures located on the property. The plan must also identify fencing material and fence height. Your plans must also show distances between all structures on the property and the proposed fence. Finally, show any access and/or utility easements.

Q: Can I build a fence on a property line?
A: Fences can be built on property lines but care should be taken not to build on your neighbor’s property. City staff does not determine property lines.

Q: Where can I get a fence permit?
A: Customers may obtain a Fence Permit from the City of Woodland, City Hall Annex, 230 Davidson Avenue, Woodland, WA 98674 or by calling 360-225-7299.

Q: What are some examples of fences that provide at least 50% visibility?

[Images of different types of fences]
Typical (non-corner) lot

Maximum height of fence within required front yard is four feet. Fences can be no more than 3 feet if fence material allows for less than 50% visibility. Fences can be 4 feet if material allows 50% visibility.

Maximum fence height is 6 feet in the rear yard.

Required front yard setback (typically 25 feet)

Typical ROW/property line

Planter strip (typical)

Driveway

Typical corner lot

Maximum height of fence within required front yard is four feet. Fences can be no more than 3 feet if fence material allows for less than 50% visibility. Fences can be four feet if material allows 50% visibility.

Maximum fence height is 6 feet in the rear yard.

Maximum height of fence within 15 feet of a street side yard is 4 feet. Fences can be no more than 3 feet tall if fence material allows for less than 50% visibility. Fences can be 4 feet in height if material allows 50% visibility.

25’ front yard

Sidewalk

Typical ROW/property line

Planter strip (typical)

Required 15-foot street side yard.

There shall be no sight obstructions within the triangular vision clearance area between 30 inches and 10 feet above the street grade.