



FENCE AND HEDGE REQUIREMENTS

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Fences and Hedges

1. Fences and hedges a maximum of six feet in height may be placed and maintained on the side and rear lot line, and across the front of the property line even with the front of the building on the lot but not closer to the street right-of-way than the required setback. On corner lots the setback shall apply to both streets.

Within the setback area a fence not more than three feet in height may be constructed; provided, that it is not sight-obscuring (fifty percent of the area of the fence is open).

Within the setback area a solid hedge may be planted not to exceed a height of more than three feet

On a corner lot there may be placed and maintained:

- a. A fence or hedge not more than three feet in height; provided, that it is not sight-obstructing (50 percent of the area of the fence or hedge is open); or
 - b. A six-foot-high open wire fence along the property line facing the side street; provided, that it does not come closer to the street right-of-way on the front of the lot than the required building setback;
 - c. A four-foot-high solid fence or hedge parallel to the property line facing the side street; provided, it is 10 feet back from the side street; and provided, that it does not come closer to the street on the front of the lot than the rear of the house.
2. In commercial zones, no fence or hedge may be placed on the front yard setback except where required to screen the property from the adjacent lot, then the screen shall extend to the street right-of-way.
 3. Fence and hedge limits in the various zones are as follows:

Residential Zones:

Front Yard	3 feet Maximum
Side Yard	6 feet Maximum
Rear Yard	6 feet Maximum

Commercial Zones:

Front Yard	0 feet Maximum
Side Yard	6 feet Maximum
Rear Yard	6 feet Maximum

Industrial Zones:

Front Yard	8 feet Maximum
Side Yard	8 feet Maximum
Rear Yard	8 feet Maximum

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