



Municipality of Anchorage



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Fence Permits

Land Use Enforcement is available to review fence layouts to determine compliance with zoning setback requirements.

Fences over eight (8) feet high require a building permit.

Fences must meet zoning setback requirements even though a permit is not required. AMC 21.45.110, Fences, states:

1. A fence may be constructed at the lot line, provided, however, that front yard fences in residential zoning districts shall not exceed four feet in height, except in zoning districts R-6, R-8, and R-9, where front yard fences shall not exceed six feet in height. Front yard fences may be increased to eight feet in height in zoning districts R-6, R-8, and R-9, provided the fencing material is non-sight obscuring. Examples of non-sight obscuring fencing include chain-link fencing and split rail. No front yard fence shall be erected in conflict with Section 21.45.020, clear vision areas.
2. In the case of a through lot, as defined in Section 21.35.020(B), which abuts a street of Collector I, IA or greater classification as designated on the official streets and highways plan, a fence may be constructed within the secondary front yard abutting the street up to a maximum of eight feet in height, provided that vehicular access to the street is prohibited. A fence higher than four feet, or six feet in zoning districts R-6, R-8, and R-9, shall not be constructed if access to the street is required due to a plat note, by a conditional use permit, or under other provisions of law.

Applications for fence permits must be accompanied by two (2) copies of a plot plan (can be neatly hand-drawn) showing the following essential information:

1. Legal description (lot, block and subdivision) of the lot.
2. All lot lines abutting streets or platted rights of way.
3. North direction.
4. Location of proposed fence relative to the lot line (indicate the distance).
5. Heights of proposed fence.

NOTE: If the proposed fence is to be installed in a mobile home park, the above information should also be accompanied by a letter or permission from the manager or owner of the mobile home park.

Ron Thompson, Building Official

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