

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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