

RESIDENTIAL FENCE INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS



- Fences are allowed in back and side yards with a maximum fence height of 8 ft.
- Retaining walls with a fence on top of the retaining wall are allowed with a maximum fence height of 8 feet. Fences are measured from adjacent grade. The combined height of the retaining wall and fence shall be no higher than 12 ft.
- Acceptable fence materials: brick, wood, and wrought iron. All fencing requires metal posts, metal caps and hardware are required. All other materials will need to be approved by the Building Official. Posts must be placed 18 in. deep in concrete.
- Fences are not allowed in drainage easements unless the fence is 3 in. above ground to allow for drainage.
- Vision must not be obstructed at alley, street, or intersection.
- No fence, screen, wall, or other visual barrier shall be placed in such a manner as to obstruct the vision of motor vehicle drivers approaching any *alley* intersection. At all intersections of *an alley with a street*, clear vision shall be maintained across the corner for a distance of *20 ft.* back from a projected curb line corner along the *intersection* of the *alley* and street.
- Fences of any kind are not permissible in floodplain areas. Fences in easements (drainage, utility, water, sanitary sewer, etc.) are not permissible without the expressed permission of the Engineering Department. *Exception: fences are customarily allowed in the standard 3-ft. lot line drainage easement, as long as the bottom member is elevated a minimum of 3 in. above finished grade (to allow the passage of water).*
- A site distance of 200 ft. shall be maintained at all street intersections.
- All fences must be located on private property and cannot exceed property lines at any given point.
- Fences or walls enclosing a pool or hot tub shall be not less than 4 ft. in height with self-latching and self-closing gates. The latching device shall be located on the pool side a minimum of 4½ ft. from ground.
- No obstructions may be placed within 3 ft. of the side lot lines for lots with alleys and/or within 3 ft. of the side and rear lot lines where alleys are not provided. Obstructions include, but are not limited to, driveways, or any other concrete work, pool decks, pool equipment, retaining walls, wood deck, patio covers, built-up flower beds, or similar structures that could impede or alter drainage.
- If you are installing a sliding gate across the rear entry driveway you must meet one of the two design options for trash bin pick up, you must also identify which option will be used as part of the application submittal.

PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION (IF APPLICABLE) PRIOR TO APPLYING FOR A PERMIT WITH THE CITY OF ALLEN