



RESIDENTIAL FENCE STANDARDS

CITY OF HIGH POINT

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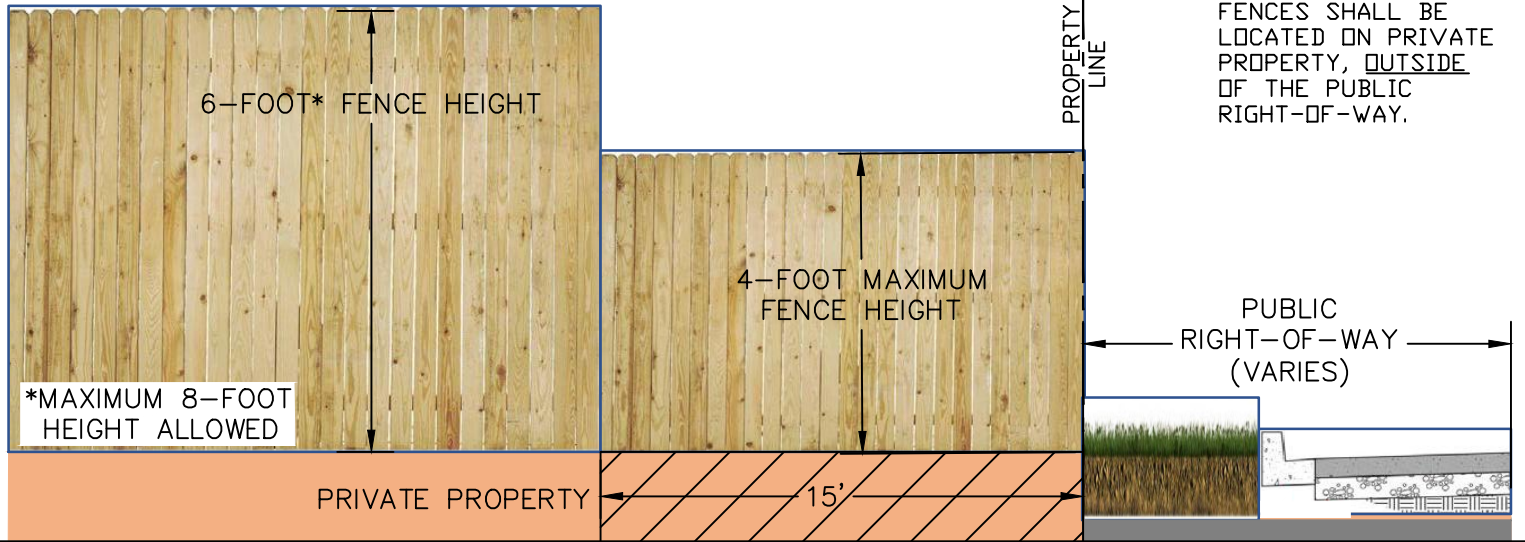
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Permit Required – The City of High Point requires a permit for fences. The purpose and intent of fence regulations is to regulate the location, height, and appearance of fences to protect adjacent properties from the indiscriminate placement of fences, to ensure the safety, security, and privacy of land, and to ensure that fences are subject to timely maintenance, as needed.

- A. **Location** - Fences shall be located on private property outside of the public right-of-way.
- B. **Height** - The maximum fence height is measured from the ground to the top of the fence (not including columns or fence posts). Columns or posts shall not exceed a height 18 inches above the built height of the fence. **NOTE:** Any retaining wall or berm below a fence shall be included within the fence height.
- Residential fences **shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height.**
 - No fence shall exceed four (4) feet in height when located within fifteen (15) feet of a local street public right-of-way with some limited exceptions. See illustration on reverse.
- C. **Materials** - The following fencing materials are permitted:
- Masonry or stone;
 - Ornamental iron, steel, or aluminum;
 - Wood;
 - Composite materials designed to appear as wood, metal, or masonry; or
 - Chain-link, except where prohibited.
- D. **Location Limitations** - Residential fences may be located anywhere on private property with the following limitations:
- *In Utility Easements* - Fences located within utility easements shall receive written authorization from the easement holder. The City shall not be responsible for damage to, or the repair or replacement of, fences that must be removed to access such easements.
 - *Blocking Natural Drainage Flow* - A fence shall not be installed so that it blocks or diverts a natural drainage flow onto or off any other land.
 - *Obstructions at Intersections* - No fence shall be erected or maintained in a manner that obstructs visibility for motorists at any street intersection in accordance with the standards of Chapter 6 of the City Code, Visibility at Intersections.
- E. **Maintenance** - Fences shall be maintained in a safe manner plumb (vertical) to the ground. Fences not maintained in a safe manner through neglect, lack of repair, manner of construction, method of placement, or otherwise, shall be repaired, replaced, or demolished.
- F. **Compliance** – A permit must be issued prior to installing a fence. Adherence to the standards is verified by on-site inspections of the improvements.
- G. **Additional Resources** - More details about fence permitting are available by visiting <http://www.buildhighpoint.com/fence>

RESIDENTIAL FENCE ILLUSTRATION

SIDE VIEW - FENCE



PUBLIC STREET

