



# Codes and Ordinances Governing Your City

## Fence Regulations

### What Do The Fence Regulations Mean To You?

The fence code regulations are meant to regulate the height of fencing as to not have excessive fence heights in neighborhoods, preserve a visual line of sight (for safety) for vehicles on streets, approaching intersections, or backing out of driveways, and to keep the street side of neighborhoods open and inviting.

### How High Can I Build A Fence In My Backyard?

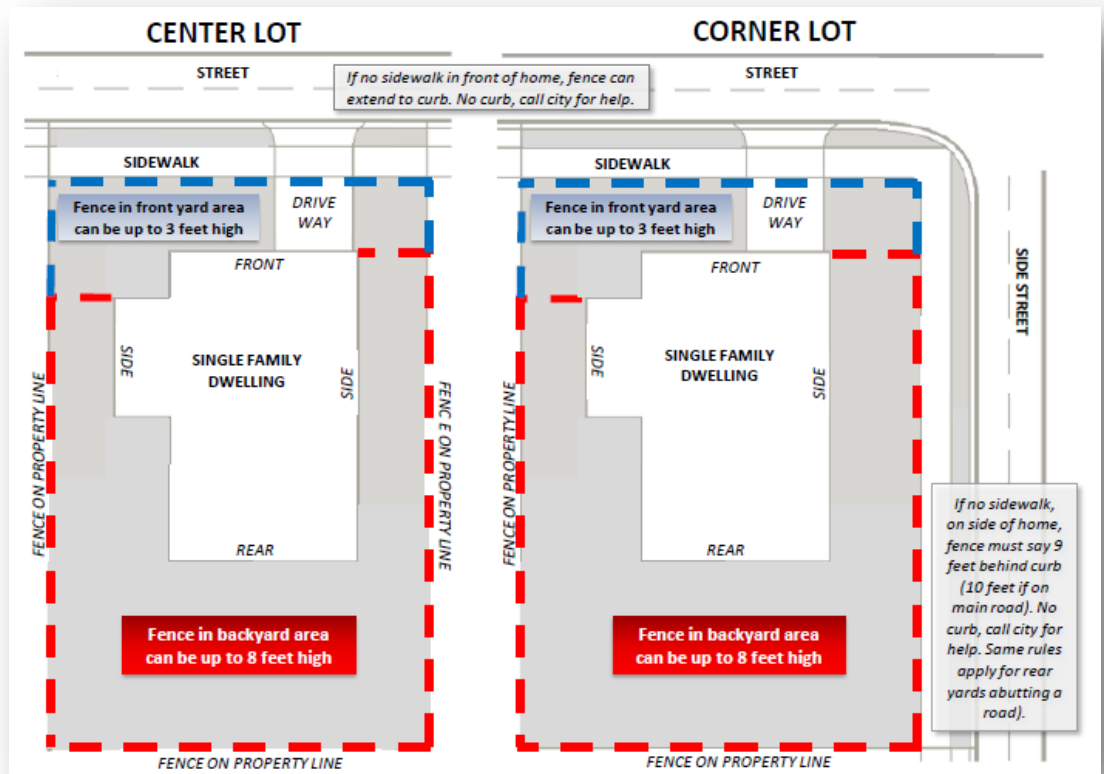
Basically if you take each front side corner of you home and draw a line to each side property line from it, anywhere behind this line you can build a fence up to 8 feet tall.

### How About My Front Yard?

A fence can only be up to 3 feet tall in the front yard between a home and the sidewalk (if you have one) or street.

### Are There Different Rules For A Corner Lot?

Yes. The front yard of a corner lot has the same rules as any lot. The side yard facing a street has different rules. Starting at the front corner of your home and drawing a line to the side street, behind this line you can have a fence 8 feet tall. The fence can extend to the road right of way, which is generally 9 feet behind a curb (if on a main road this area is 10 feet). No curbing or you're unsure where to place your fencing, call the city for help.



### What If My Backyard Abuts A Street?

Follows the same rules as a corner lot side yard.

### What Types Of Materials Can I Use To Build A Fence?

All the code requires is that the design and construction of fencing should be consistent with the nature, type, and aesthetics of other such improvements within the surrounding area. Hedges grouped together to create a wall and retaining walls are considered fences and must apply to the height rules above.

### So What Are All The Rules?

You can view the complete city code at the city office or go to the city website at [www.elkridgecity.org](http://www.elkridgecity.org) look under Quick Links and City Code: City Code 10-12-13 Fencing, Walls, and Hedges Regulations

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