



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 1) not have excessive fence heights in neighborhoods, 2) preserve a visual line of sight (for safety) for vehicles on streets, approaching intersections, or backing out of driveways, and 3) to keep the street side of neighborhoods open and inviting.

How High Can I Build A Fence In My Backyard?

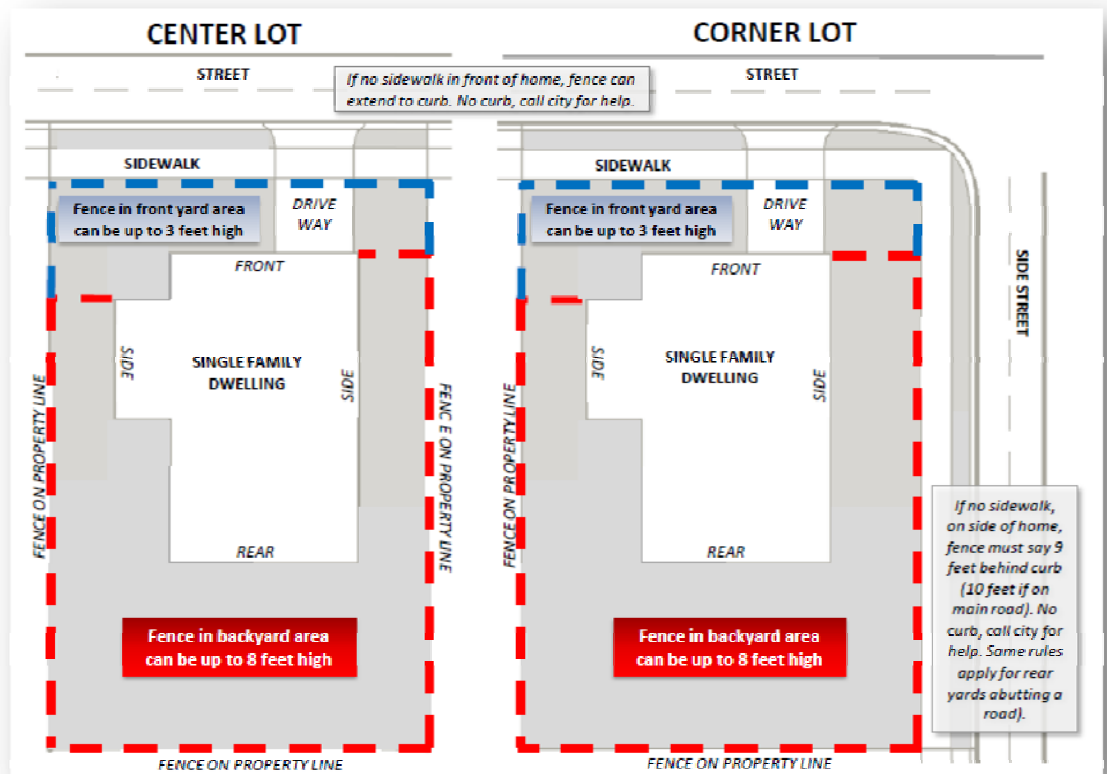
You can build a fence up to 8 feet tall anywhere behind a line drawn perpendicular from each front side corner of your home to the side property line.

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, but the side yard facing a street has different rules. You can have a fence 8 feet tall behind a line drawn perpendicular from each front corner of your home to the side street. 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). If you do not have a curb or you are unsure where to place your fence, please call the city.



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?

The design and construction of fencing should be consistent with the nature, type, and aesthetics of other such improvements within the surrounding area. Retaining walls and hedges grouped together to create a wall 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 look under Quick Links and City Code: City Code 10-12-13 Fencing, Walls, and Hedges Regulations

Please note: all information on this sheet is for general information only. In cases of dispute, city code shall be followed
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