

Construction Guide: Fences

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Requirements:

- A building permit is required for all fence installations upon lots or parcels within the City of New Richmond. Permit fees are based on the project cost (labor and materials).
- A bird's-eye site plan is required showing the fence height, material, and distance of the fence to all four property lines, and other fences at time of building permit application. If you do not know where your property lines are, we can assist you by providing you with your lot dimensions.

Placement:

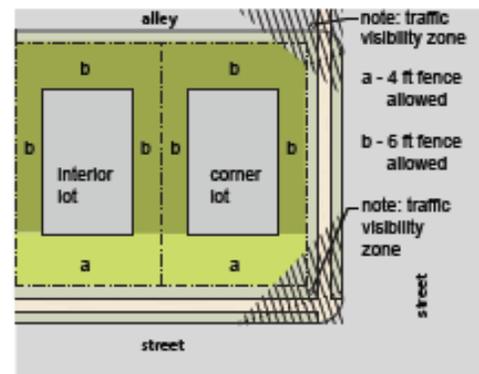
- Fences may be placed up to the side and rear property lines.
- Property owners are highly encouraged to obtain written permission from adjoining neighbors if placing the fence at the property line. This will allow for fence and lawn maintenance without trespassing onto the neighbor's property.
- Fences are not allowed within any drainage or utility easements unless reviewed and approved by the Director of Public Works.
- It is the homeowner's responsibility to know where the property line is and to submit accurate documentation.

Specifications:

- Heights Allowed: (also see Fence Standards Diagram below)
 - Up to 6 feet in height in rear and side yards; however no fence shall not be placed closer to the front property line than the front corner of the building.
 - Up to 3 feet in height if opaque or 4 feet in height if less than 50% opaque such as open, decorative, ornamental, or chain link may be placed in front yards. Fences may not be placed within the traffic visibility zone (applies to corner lots only)
- Support structures and posts must be placed facing inward towards the property being fenced.
- The finished side must face outwards of the property being fenced.
- All fences must have a gate.
- All fences must be maintained in a condition of good repair.
- Electric fences or barbwire fences are not allowed in residential districts.



Permanent swimming pools shall be enclosed by a fence no less than 6 feet in height if the water depth is greater than 15 inches. No fence is required if the pool is equipped with a cover capable of supporting a 250 pound person. Gates and doors shall be locked when the pool is not in use.
Portable above ground pools with a side wall greater than 48 inches are exempt from the fence ordinance provided the pool ladder is secured away from the pool when not in use.



Fence standards diagram