



FENCE STANDARDS

A fence may be built on a utility easement **AT YOUR OWN RISK**, and utility access must be granted. It is recommended that a gate be installed for access when a fence is built on an easement. For specific utility information, please contact the appropriate utility company (e.g. SUB, NW Gas, Qwest, Comcast, etc.).

For utility locates, please call 811. 48 hours notice is required.

Fences made of pallets, cloth, tarps or sheets of plastic that are non-weather resistant, or materials of an unsightly nature are prohibited.

If you have questions about these standards after you have read this entire handout, contact the Development Services Department at 726-3753. Ask for the Planning Division.



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FENCE STANDARDS
RESIDENTIAL
Reference Springfield Development Code 4.4-115

Fences must be in accordance with the screening standards
of Section 4.4-100 of the Springfield Development Code

A residential fence must adhere to the following HEIGHT and LOCATION standards:

The maximum height for a residential fence is 6 FEET, provided it is located:

- ◆ **BEHIND THE 10-FOOT FRONT YARD SETBACK**
Within the 10-foot front yard setback, the maximum height is:
3 feet if a sight-obscuring fence is used (e.g. wood)
4 feet if an unslatted cyclone fence is used
- ◆ **OUTSIDE THE 25-FOOT VISION CLEARANCE TRIANGLE (corner lots only)**
Within the 25-foot vision clearance triangle (corner lots) the maximum height is 2 ½ feet, regardless of the type of fencing material used.
- ◆ **OUTSIDE THE 15-FOOT VISION CLEARANCE TRIANGLE (alley access)**
Within the 15-foot vision clearance triangle (alley access), the maximum height is 2 ½ feet, regardless of the type of fencing material being used.
- ◆ **10 FEET FROM ANY DRIVEWAY**
Within the 10 foot vision clearance triangle of any driveway, the maximum height is 2 ½ feet, regardless of the type of fencing material used.
- ◆ **RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES ABUTTING COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS**
Height of 10 feet for residential properties abutting commercial or industrial districts along common property lines
- ◆ Any fence which exceeds the allowed heights listed above will require a type III Discretionary Use (fences) application.
- ◆ The use of a barb wire and electrified fencing on lots less than 20,000 sq. ft. shall require a type III Discretionary Use (fences) application. (SDC 4.4-115(B)(8)(b))
- ◆ Residential properties abutting public utility facilities, school yards, playgrounds, railroad tracks or residential property side and rear yards abutting streets with 4 or more travel lanes, may have fences 8 feet along common property lines and right-of-way.
- ◆ Fences made of pallets, cloth, tarps or sheets of plastic that are non weather resistant, or materials of an unsightly nature are prohibited. [Springfield City Municipal Code 5.002(3)]

WASHBURNE HISTORIC DISTRICT:

Fences built in the Washburne Historic District must be approved by the City Historical Coordinator.

FENCE STANDARDS
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

Reference Springfield Development Code 4.4-115

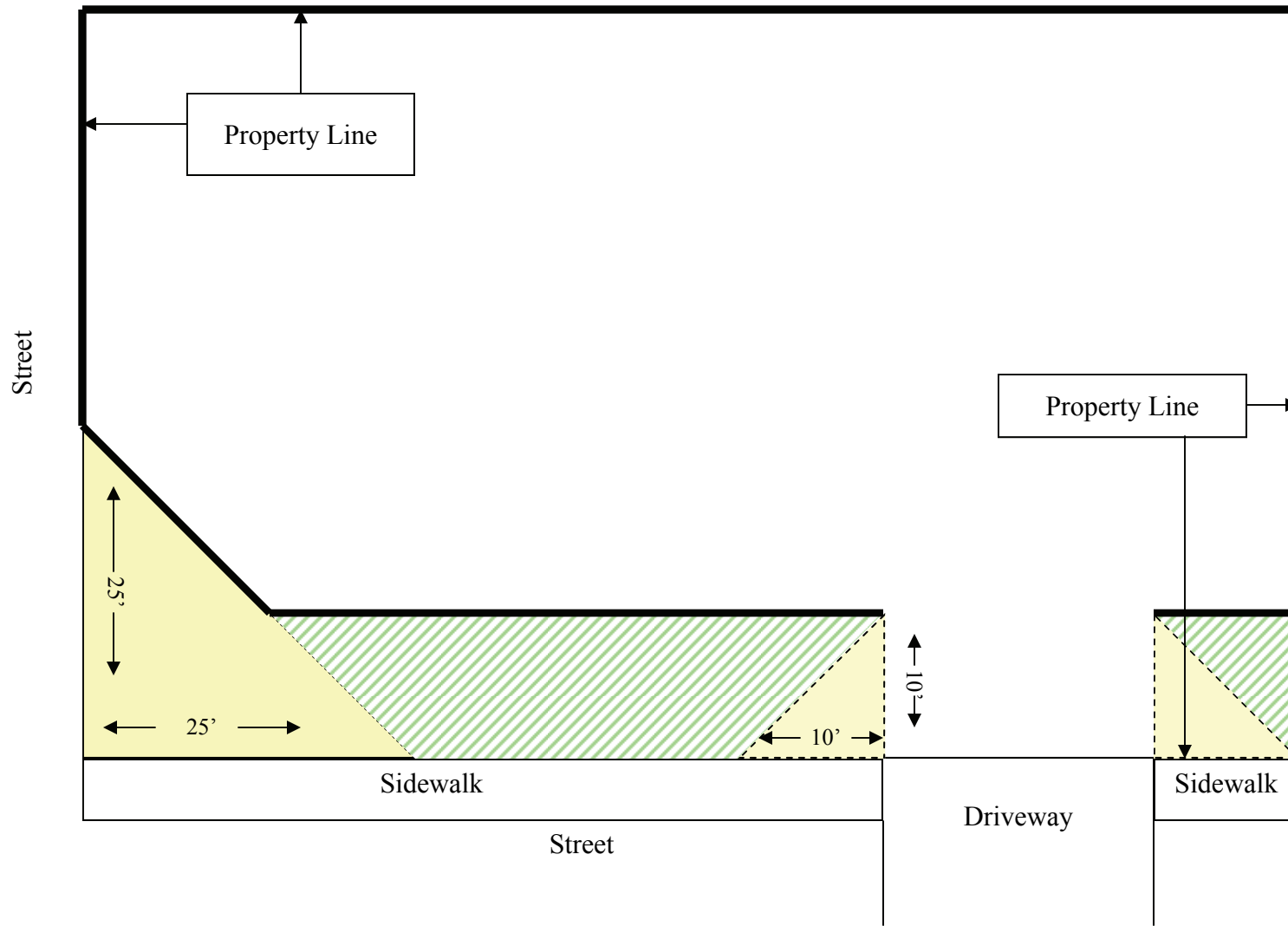
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A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT MAY BE REQUIRED FROM THE BUILDING SAFETY DIVISION FOR FENCES OVER 6 FEET IN HEIGHT AS ALLOWED BY THE SPRINGFIELD DEVELOPMENT CODE. CONTACT THE BUILDING SAFETY DIVISION FOR SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS.

A commercial/industrial fence must adhere to the following HEIGHT and LOCATION standards:

The maximum height for a commercial/industrial fence is 6 FEET provided it is located:

- ◆ **BEHIND THE REQUIRED FRONT AND STREET SIDE YARD PLANTED AREAS**
Refer to the Planning Division (planner-on-duty) for requirements.
- ◆ **OUTSIDE THE 25-FOOT VISION CLEARANCE TRIANGLE (corner lots only)**
Within the 25-foot vision clearance triangle (corner lots) the maximum height is 2 ½ feet, regardless of the type of fencing material used.
- ◆ **10 FEET AWAY FROM ANY DRIVEWAY OR ALLEY ACCESS**
- ◆ **BARB WIRE:**
Barb wire shall be permitted atop a 6-foot chain link fence. The total height of the fence and barbed wire must not exceed 8 feet. Barb wire only fences are prohibited.
- ◆ **PUBLIC UTILITY FACILITIES, SCHOOL YARDS AND PLAYGROUNDS:**
The maximum height is 8 feet provided the fence is located behind the front and street side yard planted areas and outside the vision clearance triangle (corner lots).
- ◆ Fences made of pallets, cloth, tarps or sheets of plastic that are non weather resistant, or materials of an unsightly nature are prohibited. [Springfield City Municipal Code 5.002(3)]
- ◆ **OUTDOOR STORAGE:**
Outdoor storage of materials will be screened by sight obscuring fencing. Partial screening may be permitted when necessary for security reasons.
- ◆ **WILLAMETTE GREENWAY:**
Fences within the Willamette Greenway will be reviewed under a type III Discretionary Use procedure.



Vision Clearance Triangle—Fencing within the vision clearance triangle may be a maximum of 2 1/2 ft. high



10 Foot Setback area (**from property line**) - Fencing within 10 foot setback area may be a maximum of 3ft for a sight obscuring fence or 4 feet for a non-sight obscuring fence such as an unslatted cyclone fence.



Fencing along the bolded line may be 6 ft high.