

FENCING AND SCREENING

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Permits and Approvals

All new fences require a Building Permit regardless of size, location, and material. Fencing located in a front yard requires approval by the Architectural Review Board, which is a separate permit. For corner lots, the yards along both streets are considered front yards.

Prior to installation of any new or expanded fencing, the following must be submitted with the permit application:

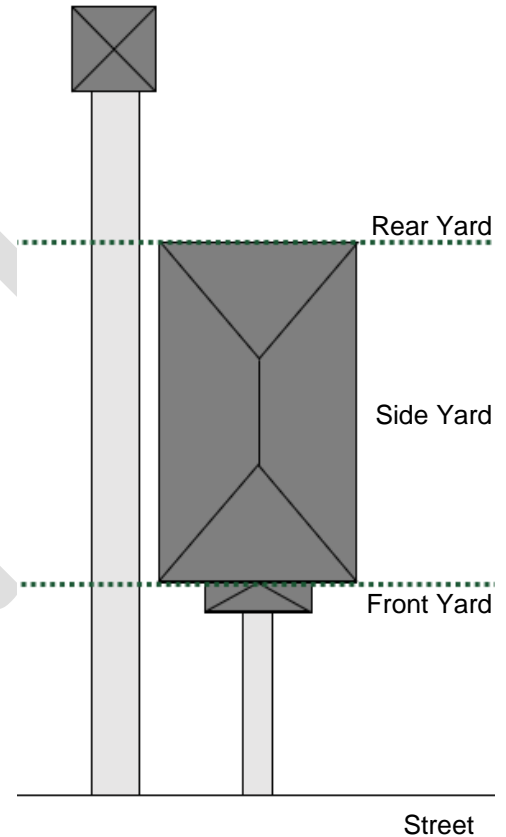
- A site plan identifying the complete scope of proposed changes.
- Fence material and construction specifications.
- A visual of the proposed fence material. Visuals may include a photo of an identical, existing wall, a photo of a material sample, or marketing materials that include imagery of the proposed wall.

Side Yard

Residential Fence Height

Fences located in a front yard may not exceed four (4) feet in height. Fences located within twenty (20) feet of an intersection may not exceed three and a half (3½) feet in height. Rear and side yard fences may not exceed six (6) feet in height. Rear and side yard fences immediately adjacent to a commercial district may be erected up to eight (8) feet.

An additional two (2) feet in height are permitted above the standard height for side and rear yards on the condition that the fence is not within twenty (20) feet of an intersection, and the fence is latticed or contains openings such that the combined area of the openings shall be at least fifty percent (50%) of the actual surface of such fence or screen.



	Front Yard	Side or Rear Yard
Adjacent to Residential	4 Feet	6 Feet or
Adjacent to Commercial	4 Feet	8 Feet
Openings or Latticed	4 Feet	Additional 2 Feet
Within 20 Feet of an Intersection	3 ½ Feet	3 ½ Feet

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Non-Residential Fence Height

Fences in non-residentially zoned areas may not exceed ten (10) feet in height.

Design and Materials

New fencing may be constructed with metal, wood, wood composites, masonry, or stone. New chain-link, vinyl, or PVC fences are not permitted. Existing fencing that is nonconforming to the guidelines may be repaired. Nonconforming fences that are removed are required to be replaced conforming materials.

Screening

HVAC units, generators, trash and recycling bins, and pool equipment must be screened by either fencing or landscaping. Fencing and landscaping must exceed the height of the items to be screened. Landscaping must reach a height and density sufficient for screening within one year of planting.

Online Permitting Portal

The city of Clayton utilizes an online permitting system for applications, reviews, payments, and issuing permits. To submit an application, click or search the following link:

<https://www.citizenserve.com/Portal/Clayton>.

- At the top right of the page, click Log In.
- Click Register Now if you do not have an existing account. If you have an existing account, log in with your email (User Name) and password.
- One logged in, click the Home tab at the top of the screen.
- Scroll to the Building Division Permits header and select Building Permit.

