

# Community Development Department 

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## Permit Application Checklist for Obtaining a Residential Fence Permit

## To apply for a residential fence permit, the following items are required:

$\checkmark$ A completed application that includes fence height, materials, and contractor information (if you own the property and live at the property you are able to list yourself as the contractor)
$\checkmark$ A site plan that includes the fence location and distances from property lines (owner must verify property line locations)
$\checkmark$ \$40 permit fee (cash, check, or card accepted)


## Fence Quick Facts:

- Finished side must face adjacent properties or public right-of-way.
- Approved fencing materials include brick or masonry, stone, wrought iron or steel, vinyl or synthetic material, chain link, or wood/wood composite.
- Fences are limited to 4 feet in height in front yards and corner side yards and 6 feet in rear yards.
- Fences may be installed up to adjacent property lines, but the entirety of the fence must be located upon the property.
- Fences must be at least two feet from public right-of-ways or alleys.
- Vision clearance areas must be observed (See Section 11.06.119 Vision triangle).



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## Vision Triangle Fact Sheet

- The purpose of a vision triangle is to help ensure that motorists are able to see pedestrians and cross traffic.
- A Vision Triangle is formed by the intersection of two lines, and a chord connecting the end of those two lines. See the diagram and distances listed below:
(1) 5 feet (driveway depth by 20 feet (street/alley length) along an alley or driveway
(2) 20 feet along a local street
(3) 40 feet along all other streets

- The area in a Vision Triangle shall be kept unobstructed from 2.5 ft to 10 ft above the elevation of the centerline of the intersection, except for traffic signs, public utility poles, single-stem tree trunks and similar features.

