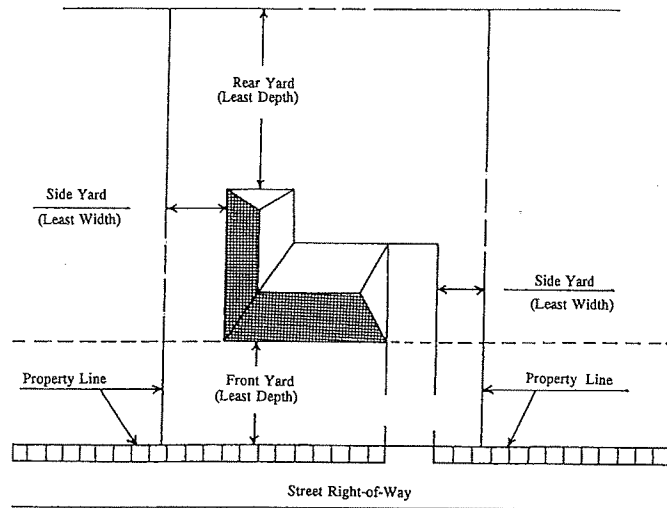


## Fences in the City of Parkersburg

Fence, Residential: A barrier and/or structure erected in a Residential District intended to provide security, mark a boundary, or as a means of landscaping. Such fence shall be constructed of materials commonly used for landscape fencing such as masonry block, lumber, chain link.

Fence, Non-Residential: A barrier and/or structure erected in a district other than a Residential District intended to provide security, mark a boundary or a means of landscaping.



Fences - Residential: Permit Required. No person shall erect, alter, or relocate any fence, wall, or other vision barrier without first obtaining a building permit, the fee for which shall be established by resolution of the City Council.

“Residential fence” means a barrier and/or structure erected in a residential district intended to provide security, mark a boundary, or as a means of landscaping with the centerline of such barrier to be located inside the designated property line. Such fence shall be constructed of materials commonly used for landscape fencing such as masonry block, lumber, and chain link. For the purposes of keeping with the visual and aesthetic values of the community, all fences erected shall be designed and be consistent with the architectural styling of the residences of the neighborhood in which the fence will be erected. Fences shall be constructed so that the frame and/or post used in the construction of the fence will be on the inside / owner’s side of the fence with the finished side facing out. It shall not include corrugated sheet metal, chicken wire, barbed wire, temporary plastic fencing, and/or salvage material. It shall be required the fence be maintained by the owner.

Fences constructed in residential districts shall not in any case exceed six (6) feet in height in side and rear yards but may extend to eight (8) feet in height provided any of the fence above six (6) feet in height is constructed so that seventy (70) percent of the surface area of the fence is open. No such fence in any front, side, or rear yard having street frontage shall exceed 48 inches in height if chain link and forty-two (42) inches in height for all other fence materials. Fences shall not be constructed within three feet of an alley right-of-way or street right-of-way line.

No wall, fence, and/or hedge shall be so located as to obstruct the view of traffic approaching an intersection from any direction.

No wall, fence, and/or hedge shall be so located as to obstruct direct access to a fire hydrant from the public right-of-way, nor shall any wall, fence, or hedge be situated closer than four feet to any fire hydrant.

Nothing in this section shall be deemed to apply to public tennis courts, public pools, public baseball fields, any other public recreational use facility accessible to the public, or to the municipality except where traffic visibility is impaired.

No structure, building, sign, fence or landscaping shall be placed in an easement. The City of Parkersburg will not bear any responsibility, financial or otherwise, for moving or reconstructing any of these types of structures when access is required to an easement.

Fences – Nonresidential: Permit required. No person shall erect, alter, or relocate any fence, wall, or other vision barrier without first obtaining a building permit, the fee for which shall be established by resolution of the City Council.

“Non-residential fence” means a barrier and/or structure erected in a district other than a residential district intended to provide security, mark a boundary or a means of landscaping with the centerline of such barrier to be located inside the designated property line. No such fence shall be constructed of salvaged material. No such fence shall use barbed wire closer than six (6) feet to the ground except a fence used purely for agricultural purposes regarding the confinement of livestock. It shall be required the fence be maintained by the owner.

Fences constructed in a district other than a residential district shall not in any case exceed eight feet in height in side and rear yards. Fences in front, side, and rear yards adjacent to street right-of-way lines shall not exceed eight feet in height for chain link and forty-two (42) inches in height for all other materials. Fences shall not be constructed within three feet of an alley right-of-way of street right-of-way line.

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For the purpose of this section, junk or salvaged material shall include scrap copper, brass, rope, rages, batteries, paper trash, tires and rubber debris, waste, plastic, or similar materials.

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