

General Regulations & Important Information

A **permit is required** prior to erecting, altering or relocating any fence or wall (hedges and plantings are excluded). There is **no charge** for permits for fences not exceeding 6' in height, or for retaining walls not exceeding 4' in height.

A drawing of the proposed fence or wall location on a survey or a scaled site plan is required.

Both sides of any fence or wall shall be **maintained in a condition of reasonable repair and appearance** by its owner and shall not be allowed to become or remain in a condition of disrepair or danger, or constitute a nuisance.

No physical damage of any kind shall occur to **abutting property during installation**, unless allowed under agreement with the adjacent property owner.

A **permit is required** for walls with a height of more than 4', and shall be designed by an engineer, and have a fence on top with a minimum height of 42".

When constructing a fence consider: its function/purpose, the view from neighboring properties and how to maintain both sides.

Placement

The following fences are allowed in a **front yard:**

- 48" or less in height with an opacity under 50% (e.g., wrought iron, chain link, split rail)
- 36" or less in height with an opacity over 50%
- 6' or less in height with an opacity up to 100%, provided the yard is considered an equivalent side or rear yard

The following fences are allowed in a **side or rear yard:**

- 6' or less in height with an opacity of up to 100%

Fences constructed on corner lots or lots adjacent to railroad rights-of-way shall not be located in sight visibility triangles as set forth in Section 21105.05 of the Plymouth Zoning Ordinance.

Retaining walls shall not be placed within any drainage or ponding easement, unless approved by the City Engineer.

No fences or walls shall be placed or extended into public rights-of-way.



Material & Design

Fences shall **not be constructed** of chicken wire, welded wire, plastic deer fence netting or similar, snow fence, branches, or materials originally intended for other purposes, unless approved by the Zoning Administrator.

The **finished side** shall face abutting property or street right-of-way.

Support posts & post caps may extend up to 6" above the maximum fence height.

Chain link fences shall include a top rail with barbed ends toward the ground.

Metal T- or U-post are only allowed for agricultural uses in the FRD zoning district.

Definitions

A **fence** is any partition, wall, hedge row, row(s) of continuous plantings, or gate erected as a dividing marker, visual or physical barrier, or enclosure.

Fence height is the distance from the adjacent finished grade to the highest projection of a fence structure, not including support posts, provided that the support posts are no more than four inches above the fence structure.