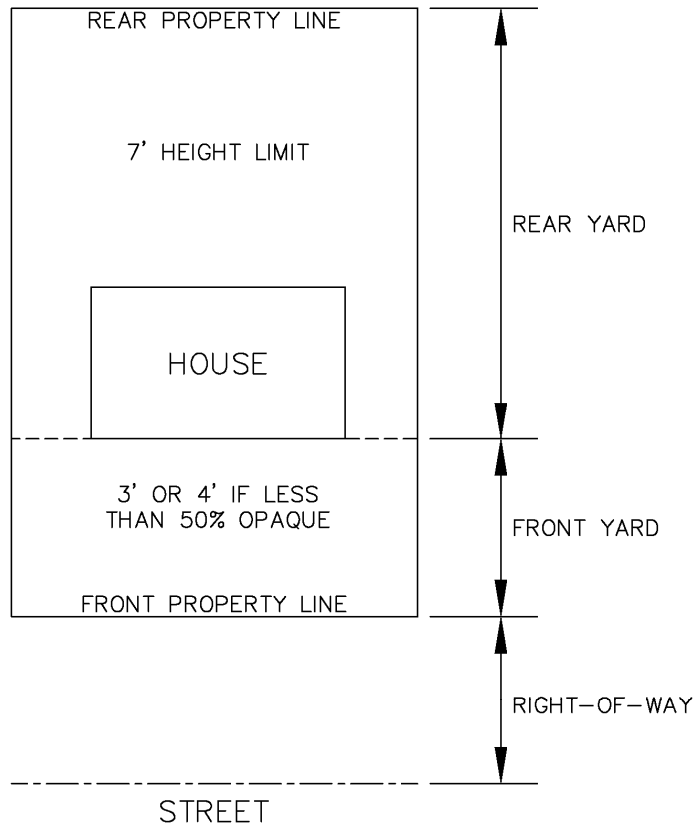




## FENCING REQUIREMENTS

- 1) A building permit is not needed to construct a fence, however, a zoning permit is required to construct a fence in a utility easement. Such fences are subject to removal for the maintenance or improvements of the utility at the fence owner's expense.
- 2) Fences shall be made of durable, weather-treated materials and must be maintained in a respectable condition. Barbed wire or electric fences are not permitted except in industrial districts or areas where the keeping of livestock is permitted.
- 3) Fences may be constructed up to the lot line provided that no portion of the fence protrudes over the lot line. It is the responsibility of the property owner to locate lot lines before construction of any fence and to ensure that the fence is constructed in the proper location.
- 4) Height requirements
  - a) Residential Districts
    - 1) Front Yard: No fence shall exceed 3 feet in height above finished grade, except that open fencing less than 50% opaque may be increased to 4 feet.
    - 2) Rear and Side Yards: No fence shall exceed 7 feet in height above finished grade. Fences in excess of 6 feet require a building permit.
  - b) Commercial Districts
    - 1) No fence shall exceed 7 feet in height above finished grade. Fences in excess of 6 feet require a building permit.
    - 2) Fences erected along a property line in common with a residential district shall be subject to the regulations for residential districts.
  - c) Industrial Districts
    - 1) No fence shall exceed 8 feet in height above finished grade. Fences in excess of 6 feet require a building permit.
    - 2) Fences erected along a property line in common with a residential district shall be subject to the regulations for residential districts.

- 5) Visibility Triangle: Except in the Central Business District, no fences shall be permitted within any yard areas on a corner lot which will impede vision between a height of two and one-half (2 1/2) feet and eight (8) feet above the centerline grades of the intersecting streets within twenty (20) feet of the street intersecting right-of-way lines.



If you have any questions, please call the Planning Office at 507-444-4340.