



Please provide a definition of a fence.

A fence is an enclosure or barrier of wood, masonry, stone, wire, metal, iron, vinyl, or other manufactured material or combination of materials erected as a boundary, means of protection, privacy screening or confinement, but not including hedges, shrubs, trees, or other natural growth. Fences shall be constructed such that the “good side” is facing outwards.

Should I contact anyone before I construct my fence?

Yes, please contact The City of Galesburg, Inspections Division at 345-3619 and J.U.L.I.E. at 1-800-892-0123 before you dig to make sure all utilities are located.

What happens if I cannot make my fence conform to the City’s requirements?

The City of Galesburg has an appeals process if you can’t comply with the regulations. The cost of filing an appeal is \$100. Please contact City Staff for further information about this process at 345-3617.

Tell me what I need to do to put up a fence on my property?

Please come into the Community Development Department, 2nd floor of City Hall, or phone a staff member to discuss your project. The phone number is 309/345-3617 and hours are 8 to 5, Monday through Friday.

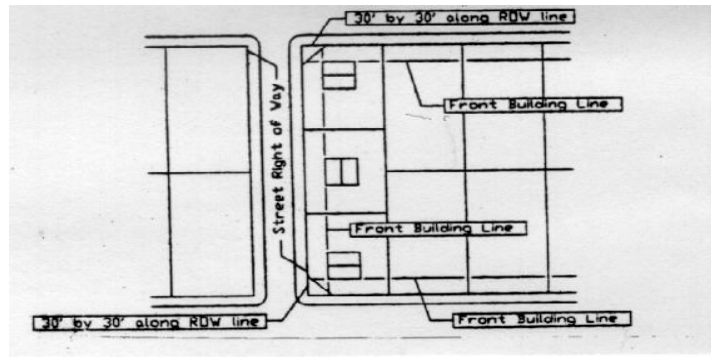
- A permit is required.
- If a contractor is installing the fence, that contractor is responsible for obtaining the required permit.
- You may place the fence up to the property line. (We do not locate property lines but we can provide a copy of an aerial photo which shows the dimensions of your property.)
- Fences in the front yard cannot exceed 4 feet in height. (A front yard is from the front of the structure forward to the property line.)
- Fences in the side & rear yard (behind the front of the house) cannot exceed 7 feet in height. Commercial cannot exceed 8 feet in height.
- The “good side” of the fence must face the outside. The supporting structure side shall face the interior of the fenced property.

Are there different fencing requirements for interior lots versus corner lots?

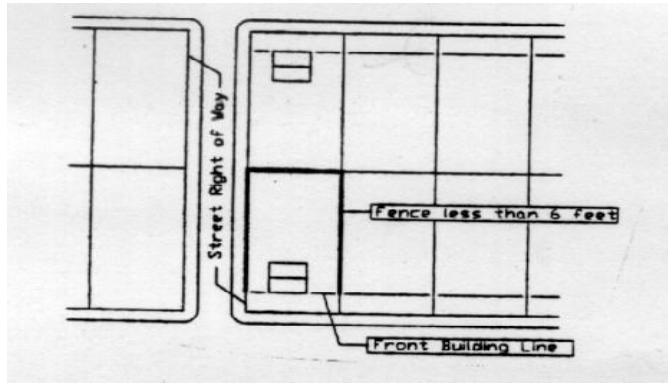
Yes, corner lots and lots abutting corner lots have some additional concerns such as:

- **Fences are not allowed inside the visibility triangle.**

This is measured 30 feet from the intersection of the right-of-way of intersecting streets. City Staff can help you calculate the width of the City right-of-way. Please refer to the drawing to the right:

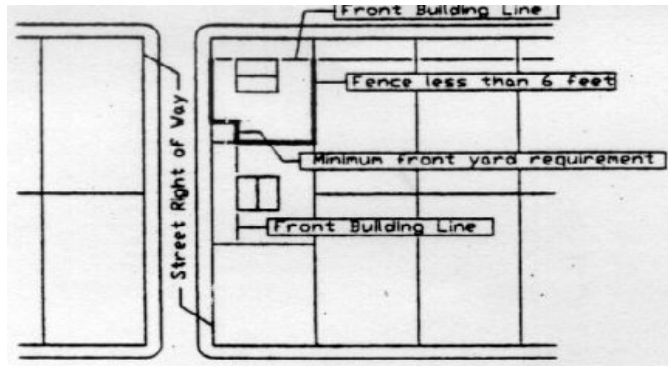


- Corner lots with rear yards abutting each other need only one front yard which shall be in front of the main building. Please refer to the following:



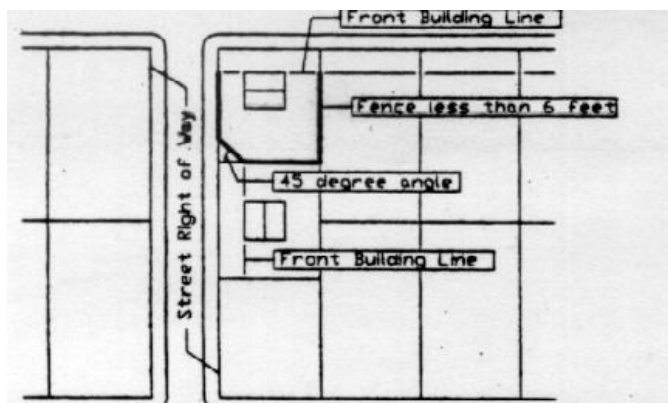
- Corner lots that have rear yards abutting side yards: Fences less than 7 feet high must be behind the front building line and provide either one of the following scenarios:

(A) Fences shall cut off at a 90° angle for a distance at least equal to the minimum front yard requirement at that point Yes, corner lots and lots abutting corner lots have some additional concerns such as:



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(B) The fence shall cut off at a minimum of a 45° angle from that point on the rear lot line of the corner lot which intersects with the front building line of the adjacent lot, to the side lot line of the corner lot.



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