

RESIDENTIAL FENCES



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Where can I find information about fence regulations?

This pamphlet is a quick guide for residential fences. Full fence regulations can be found in Zoning Bylaw No. 1958, 2022.

Where can I build my fence?

Property owners can build a fence within their property lines. Fences may be built on property lines with permission from the neighbour. You cannot build your fence over public property (includes boulevards). Fences built over easements, or statutory rights-of-way are permitted. However, they may be removed to access infrastructure contained within the easement or right-of-way. It's recommended that fences over easements or rights-of-way are easy to remove and re-install, such as panel fences. Concrete pilings, or other forms of permanent fence installation are not permitted in easements or rights-of-way.

Where are my property lines?

You can get a copy of your lot's legal plan at the BC Land Title Office (www.ltsa.ca, 1-877-577-587, ParcelMapBC@ltsa.ca). If you can find a pin on your lot, this plan can help you approximate the other pins. If you cannot locate your pins or are unsure, connect with a Land Surveyor to have your property surveyed.

How do know if there's underground infrastructure?

Click or call BC One (1-800-474-6886 or <https://www.bc1c.ca/>). BC One is a central contact for water, sewer, electric, telecommunication cables etc. information.

How high can my fence be?

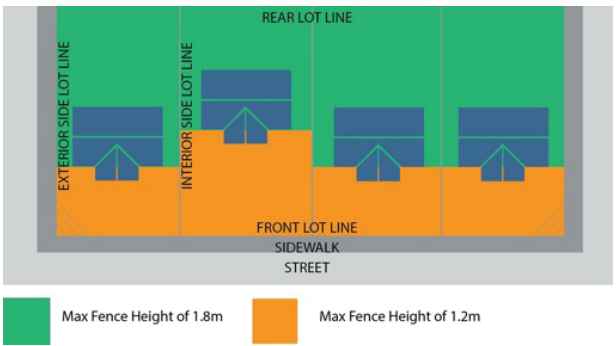
Review section 6.0 Screening and Fencing Requirements of Zoning Bylaw No. 1958, 2022 closely. In general, in any Zone where there is a primary residential use, no Fence shall:

- i. exceed a maximum fence height of 1.2 metres, where a fence is located between the Front lot line and the face of a Building, parallel to the Lot's Front lot line (see Figure 1);
- ii. exceed a maximum height of 1.8 metres, where a fence is located between the Rear lot line and the face of a Building, parallel to the Lot's Front lot line (see Figure 1);
- iii. exceed the maximum height indicated in Figures 1 and 2 for the portion of the Lot on which it is located; or,
- iv. obstruct visibility at intersections in accordance with section 3.5.2 of the Zoning Bylaw (see Figure 3, back cover).

Do I need a permit to build my fence?

No. However, if the fence is to be built on top of a retaining wall, retaining walls over 1.5 m in height require a building permit. Keep in mind that retaining walls within 1.5m of a property line also require a permit.





i. Figure 1: Maximum Fence height

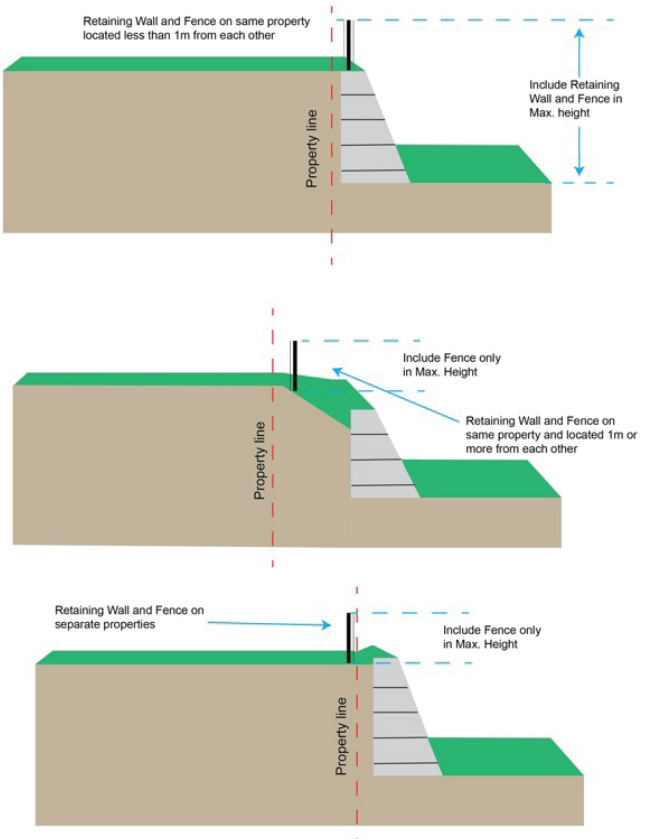


Figure 2: Maximum Fence height in conjunction with a retaining wall

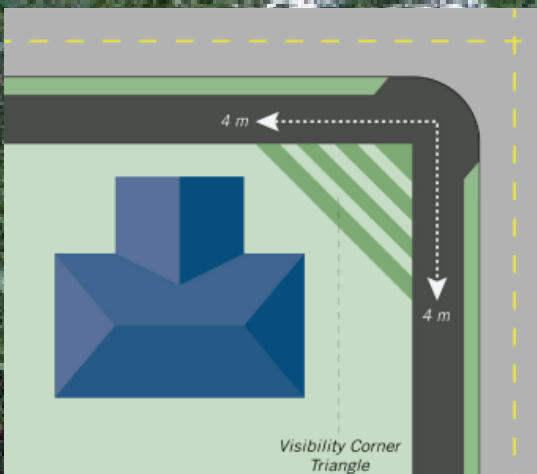


Figure 3: Visibility triangle

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