



Community Development Department
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Fence Construction Information

The construction or replacement of a fence requires a zoning permit through the Planning Division, but does not require a structural building permit from the Building Safety Division. The purpose of the permit is to verify the location, height and type of fence being installed.

Permits can be obtained at the Community Development building, located at 51 Winburn Way.

Fence permit applications must contain the following items:

- Site plan of the property with proposed fence locations and heights
- Section drawing of the fence elevation to determine whether the fence meets the "good neighbor" fence requirement, which requires the framework of the fence to be on the inside (towards the property of the person installing the fence). Good neighbor fencing also includes fences that conceal or integrate the framework into the design.
- \$27 permit fee

It is the responsibility of permit applicant to confirm property line locations and address any dispute that might be involved with the proposed fence. City of Ashland Public Works staff can provide right of way width information and determination of property lines, but in some instances the exact location of property lines may require that the applicant hire an Oregon-licensed surveyor.

Residential Standards

Ashland Municipal Code 18.68.010

Fences, walls, hedges and screen planting shall be subject to the following standards:

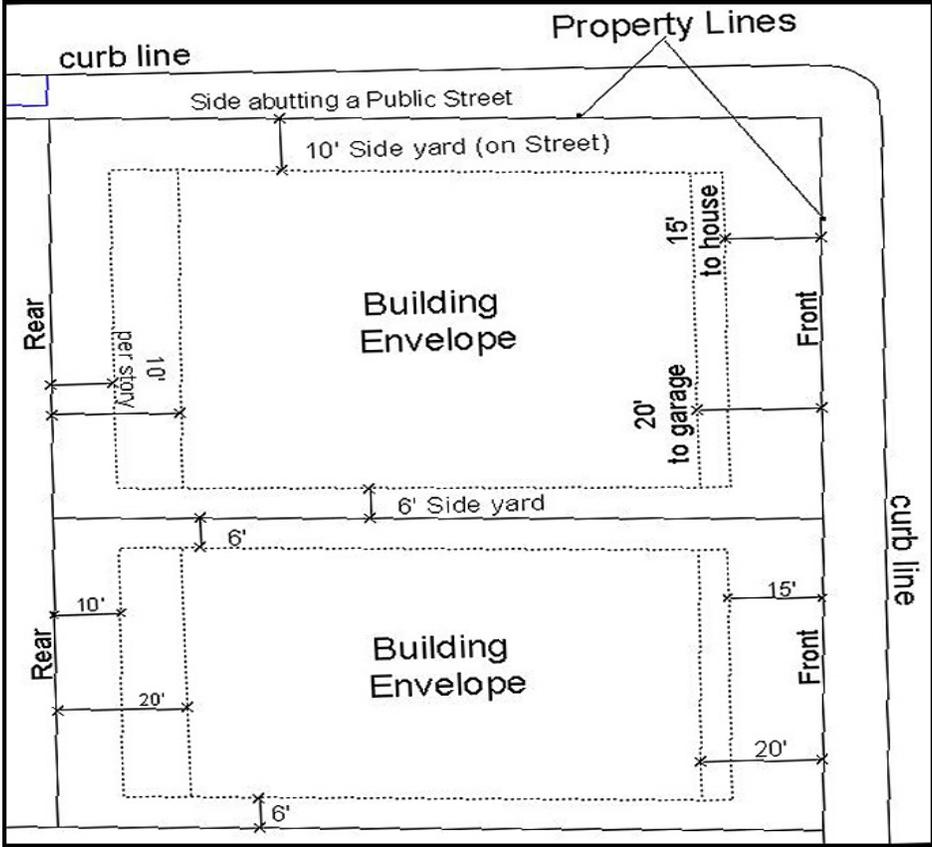
- A. In any required front yard, provided they do not exceed three and one-half (3 ½) feet in height.
- B. In any rear or side yard, provided they do not exceed six and one-half (6 ½) feet in height.
- C. The height of fences or walls in rear or side yard setback areas abutting a public street shall be forty-eight (48) inches or less if said fences or walls are within ten (10) feet of any public street except an alley.
- D. The framework for newly constructed fences and walls shall face toward the builder's property, except where fences are jointly constructed.
- E. Fences shall lean at an angle from the vertical plane no greater than five (5%) percent. In cases where this limitation is exceeded and a written complaint is received by the Planning Department, the property owner shall be notified, in writing, of the problem. The Planning Department shall take action only on the basis of a written complaint, or on its own action.
- F. Fences for flag lots require a five foot separation from the street, then a maximum height of 30 to 42 inches in the remaining setback area as per AMC 18.76.060.E.

Commercial Standards

Fences built in commercial (C-1), employment (E-1) or manufacturing (M) zones are not subject to the setback and height restrictions listed above, but the height standards for vision clearance and framework standards ("good neighbor fencing") do apply.

For additional information, feel free to contact the Planning Department at 541-488-5305 or view the land use code online at www.ashland.or.us/code.asp.

SETBACK DIAGRAM



VISION CLEARANCE DIAGRAM

