

## FENCES IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

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(Pursuant to MTMC 19.120.200)



### Permits and fees apply

A fence permit is required to build any new fence or to rebuild a fence. A fee to cover the review for code compliance and an inspection of the constructed fence applies.

### How tall can the fence be?

Fences may be up to 6 feet tall in the rear and side yard of the property. Fences located within the first 20 feet of a public street may be built to a maximum height of 4 feet tall in the front yard. Some exceptions apply to corner lots and through lots. Usually the fence height is measured from the property side of the fence.

### What do I need to do?

Complete a fence permit application form at City Hall or obtain the application online <http://www.cityofmlt.com/DocumentCenter/Home/View/128>. Label the proposed location, height and type of fence on a computer drawing (plot plan) the city can provide to you. Submit the completed permit

application and drawing, with filing fee, to City Hall.

### Are there any special restrictions?

Yes. Fences and other structures cannot be built in the City right of way. In addition, the water meter must be outside the fence and not obstructed, the fence may not impede access to a fire hydrant or interfere with sight area triangles (also see hedges and walls and sight areas).

### Other useful information

- Review. The Planning and Engineering Departments review applications to confirm that the fence, hedge or wall location and height meets city codes.
- Inspection. When the fence has been built, call the inspection request line at 425.775.9694. A building inspector will check to see if the fence was installed per the approved plan.
- Expiration. The permit is valid for 6 months. If no inspection is requested within 6 months of getting the permit, the permit will expire.



- Maintenance. Fences, hedges and walls shall be properly maintained and not be dangerous or create a nuisance.

- Decorative side of fence. Fence must be constructed to be visually attractive from the street. Decorative siding must be placed facing the street on the exterior side of fence.
- Hedges and walls. Hedges and walls (rock or retaining) must meet the same height and location requirements as fences. No permit is required for a hedge. However, some rockeries or walls need a building permit. Check at City Hall first.



- Prohibited. Electric, razor-wire, or barbed-wire fences are not allowed on residential properties.
- Sight areas. Fences and hedges are limited to 3'-6" (3 feet-6 inches) in height within the sight area triangle to provide motorists and pedestrians a clear view of oncoming traffic before turning out of driveways and at street intersections.



### Questions?

City staff is happy to answer your questions, provide a computer drawing (plot plan) of your lot, and assist you to obtain the permit.

**For more information contact**

Phone 425.744.6267

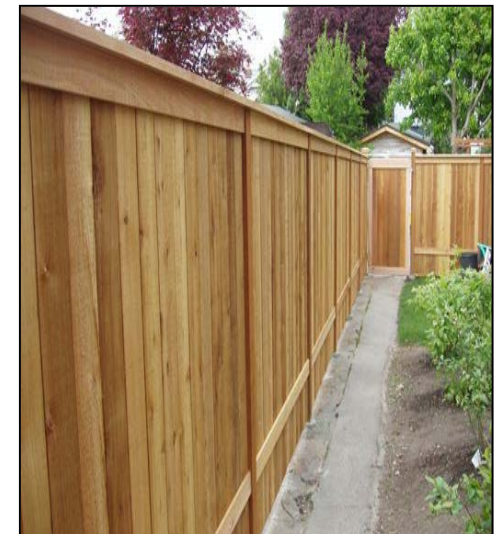
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*This brochure is not intended to cover all situations nor to replace any code provision that may apply and may differ or conflict with this information. Contact City staff to discuss your specific project.*

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