



Fence Requirements

In order to build a fence in the City of Troy you must comply with Zoning Regulations, obtain zoning approval, obtain a building permit, and pass an inspection.

OBTAIN A PERMIT

To obtain a permit, you will need the following information:

- Zoning Approval—Application for Zoning Approval is available online or in the Planning Department at City Hall.
- Building Permit Application—Available at Building Department at City Hall.
- Site Plan showing property lines; location of fence and gates; and type and dimensions of any structure, or easements located on the property.
- Fence Specifications including, but not limited to, height, width, materials, type, construction, and direction of fencing face.
- Review and approval may take up to five (5) working days.

PROPERTY LINES

- The City of Troy does not locate property lines. This is the responsibility of the Applicant.

INSPECTIONS

- An inspection is required for a fence once it is complete.
- Inspections can typically be scheduled the same day as requested. To schedule an inspection, call the Building Office at (334) 566-0177.

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General Fencing Requirements

Height Requirements

On corner lots no fence, wall or hedge along the street sides or front edge of any front yard shall be over two and one-half (2 ½) feet in height.

Industrial Districts: Fences, walls, and hedges that are erected, placed, grown, or maintained in Industrial Districts shall not exceed a height of ten (10) feet.

Commercial Districts: Fences, walls, and hedges that are erected, placed, grown, or maintained in Commercial Districts shall not exceed a height of eight (8) feet.

Residential Districts: In Residential Districts, excluding the PH-50 Patio Home District, fences, walls, and hedges may be erected, placed, grown, or maintained along a lot line of residentially zoned property, or adjacent thereto, to a height not exceeding six (6) feet above the ground; except that no such fence, wall, or hedge located in a front yard shall exceed a height of three (3) feet. In the PH-50: Patio Home District, fences, walls, and hedges may be erected, placed, grown, or maintained along a lot line of residentially zoned property, or adjacent thereto, to a height not exceeding eight (8) feet above the ground; except that no such fence, wall, or hedge located in a front yard shall exceed a height of three (3) feet.

Front Yards

In a required front yard, no wall or fence shall be permitted except an open fence, with no less than fifty (50) percent of the fence area left unobstructed by opaque materials. No part of a fence in a required front yard shall be within ten (10) feet of the curblin or street, nor shall it be on the public right-of-way.

The side of any fence, wall or hedge which extends into the required front yard considered to be its “face” (i.e. the finished side having no structural supports) must face abutting property or street right of way. If any fence, other than chain link, only runs along the side or sides of the front yard without a connecting front fence line, then the fence shall be double-faced (ie. having a “face” as described above on both sides) and still remain an open fence, with no less than fifty (50) percent of the fence area left unobstructed by opaque materials.

In all Residential Zoning Districts, fences or walls, exceeding three (3) feet in height, shall be set back behind the front building line or behind the minimum front yard setback of an abutting residential property, whichever is greater.

In Residential and Commercial Districts: Any wall or fence which extends into the required front yard of a property shall be ornamental or decorative and constructed of materials such as brick, stone, wood, stucco, wrought iron, split rail, and shall not be constructed of exposed concrete block or used or discarded materials in disrepair, including, but not limited to, pallets, tree trunks, trash, tires, junk, or other similar items.

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Fences, Walls, and Hedges:

No fence, wall, and hedge shall be erected, installed, constructed or otherwise structurally altered in the City except in strict compliance with the terms and provisions of this ordinance. All fences and walls shall require a building permit.

The zoning board of adjustment, as a special exception, may approve exceptions to any of the standards specified in this section upon a finding that the proposed exceptions are desirable from the standpoint of privacy and/or security, will not be detrimental to neighborhood appearance or character, and will not be detrimental to traffic safety.

Supplemental Regulations

The side of any fence, wall or hedge considered to be its "face" (i.e. the finished side having no structural supports) must face abutting property or street right of way.

Fences and walls situated in side yards behind the building line and/or rear yards shall be constructed using materials suitable for residential-style fencing and walls, including but not limited to, brick, stone, wood, stucco, wrought iron, vinyl, and chain link (with a minimum thickness of nine (9) gauge and a required top rail support).

Barbed-wire, razor-wire and similar fencing shall not be used within any residential district and shall not be permitted within fifty (50) ft of any residential district boundary. In no case shall barbed-wire, razor-wire, and similar fencing be less than six (6) ft above Grade Level.

Chain link fencing shall be constructed with a minimum thickness of nine (9) gauge and a required top rail support. No wire or chain link-type fence shall be constructed with the cut or salvage end of the fence exposed at the top.

Fences, walls, or hedges, shall be located entirely upon the private property on which the fence, wall, or hedge is proposed to be constructed.

Fences, walls, or hedges, shall not be located on any utility or City easement or right-of-way. If the city or utility company needs to utilize the easement or right-of-way, the fence, wall, or hedge shall be removed and relocated at the expense of the property owner.

No fence or wall shall be constructed of used or discarded materials in disrepair, including, but not limited to, pallets, tree trunks, trash, tires, junk, or other similar items. Materials not specifically manufactured for fencing, such as railroad ties, wooden doors, or utility poles shall not be used for, or in the construction of a fence or wall.

Maintenance and Appearance

All fences, walls, and hedges shall be maintained in good condition, so as to present a neat and orderly appearance. Fences, walls, and hedges shall be maintained in a manner as to prevent rust, corrosion and deterioration, so as not to become a public or private nuisance, and so as not to be dilapidated or a danger to adjoining property owners or the public. Fences shall not create an appearance of patchwork, which is indicative of a state of disrepair. Every Fence installed shall be maintained by the owner in such a way that it will remain plumb and in good repair.

Existing Fences, Walls, and Hedges

Any fence, wall, or hedge existing upon the effective date of this Ordinance shall not be enlarged, extended or replaced, except in strict compliance with all of the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance.

For more detailed information, zoning, and/or set-back information, please contact the Planning Department or refer to the City of Troy Zoning Ordinance located at www.troyal.gov or it is available for review at Troy City Hall. This document only outlines Zoning Requirements as per Section 6.17 of the Troy Zoning Ordinance, as amended June 26, 2012. All building projects, including fencing, may be subject to other applicable Sections in the Zoning Ordinance and any other applicable requirements, regulations, codes, and/or laws.