



*City of*  
**Lake Worth  
Beach**  
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# Requirements for Residential Fences

**Information for  
Homeowners and  
Contractors**

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## Permit Requirements for Residential Fences

- Fence installation checklist
- Documents recorded by the Palm Beach Clerk of the Court:
  - Fence/Gate Removal Agreement
  - Notice of Commencement
- An accurate survey reflecting current property conditions. A Land Survey Affidavit is required for surveys older than 2 years.
- Site plan showing location of the proposed fence and gates, height, material, and linear feet.
- Hold Harmless/Indemnification Agreement
- Owner Builder Affidavit (if applicable)

## Additional Requirements

- All fences shall be symmetrical in appearance and conforming to a definite pattern and uniform design.
- The finished side of all fences shall be constructed to face toward the adjacent property, street, or alley.
- Gates shall not swing into the right of way.
- Gates should be located so that access is entirely within the subject property.
- Gates should not be located so as to provide access to neighboring properties without written consent or an access easement agreement from the neighboring property owner.

## Minimum setbacks

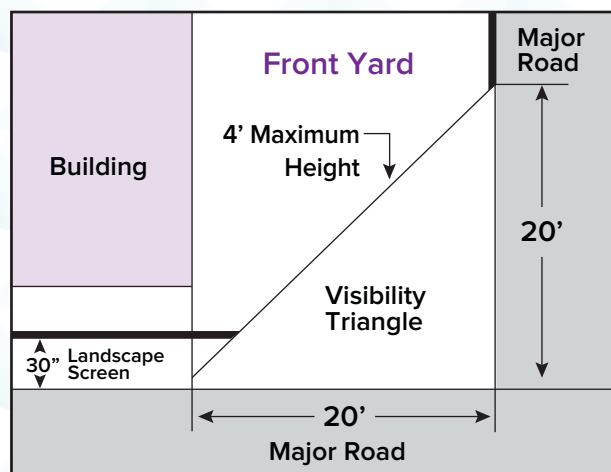
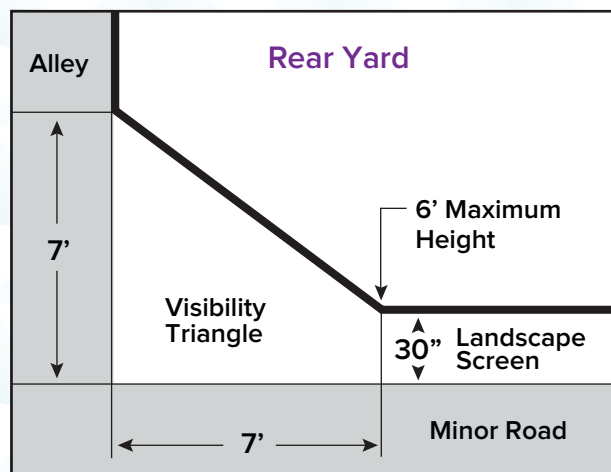
- Fences along side and rear property lines adjacent to roadways (except alleys): 30 inches w/ landscape screen.
- Walls along side and rear property lines adjacent to roadways (except alleys): 5 feet w/ landscape screen.
- Electronic security gates and keypad/call boxes: 25 feet from roadways (except alleys).
- No solid, opaque fence may be placed within 15 feet of a bulkhead or mean high water line.

## Landscaping

- A 30-inch-wide landscape screen between the fence and property line is required when a fence along the side or rear property line is adjacent to a roadway (except alleys).
- A landscape screen is a line, row, or group of plant material installed and maintained at a minimum height of 24 inches to form a continuous buffer / visual screen, and may include shrub hedging or decorative landscaping.
- The landscape screen must be installed prior to final inspection.

## Visibility Triangle

- A visibility triangle shall be provided at all street intersections and street-alley intersections.
- At major road intersections, 2 sides shall be 20 feet measured along the street from the edge of pavement.
- At two (2) minor road intersections, 2 sides shall be 10 feet measured along the street from the edge of pavement.
- At street-alley intersections and alley-alley intersections, 2 sides shall be 7 feet measured along the right-of-way from the edge of pavement.
- Landscaping in the visibility triangle shall maintain a clear vision without obstruction from the adjoining public ways between 30 inches in height and 8 feet in height.





## Maximum Height

### Single-Family & Two Family Residential Height Limitations\*

PROPERTY LINE	MAXIMUM HEIGHT
Front Yard (Front property line and portion of side property lines from front property line until front building setback line)	4 Feet
Side (Interior and side street)	6 Feet
Rear (Adjacent to an alley)	8 Feet
Rear (Not adjacent to an alley)	6 Feet

### Multi-Family Residential Fence Height Limitations\*

PROPERTY LINE	MAXIMUM HEIGHT
Front	6 Feet
Side (Interior and side street)	6 Feet
Rear	6 Feet

#### \* Gates and Gateposts:

2 Feet above the Allowable Fence Height

#### \* Decorative Accents (Column, Caps, or Finials):

6 Inches above Allowable Fence Height

## Permitted Materials

- Stone, Brick, Coral Rock, or Flagstone
- Concrete Block or Reinforced Concrete w/ stucco on both sides
- Precast Concrete
- Ornamental or Architectural Concrete Block
- Cedar, Bamboo, Cypress, Redwood, or Treated Wood (not on walls)
- Aluminum, Wrought Iron, or Galvanized Steel
- Glass Block, Porcelain, or Glass Tile
- Vinyl, Fiberglass, or similar material
- Chain Link (Black or Dark Green Vinyl Coated w/ No Metal Barbs)
  - *Not permitted* in front of the front building setback line or on property abutting public rights-of-way (except alleys).
  - Replacement of existing chain link fences shall comply with current standards.





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## Inspections

An inspection can be scheduled by calling the Building Division's Inspection Line at 561.586.1691 by 4:00 p.m. the day before inspection.

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*For more information regarding the program, please contact the Lake Worth Beach Community Sustainability Department at 561.586.1687 or [pzoning@lakeworthbeachfl.gov](mailto:pzoning@lakeworthbeachfl.gov).*



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