

**ARTICLE 9  
FENCES AND VISION CLEARANCE**

11-901. FENCES AND VISION CLEARANCE

Upon the adoption of this Ordinance, the erection, construction, or moving of any fence shall comply with the following regulations:

11-902. FENCES AND VISION CLEARANCE, DEFINITIONS

1. Fence: Any vertical structure, other than a building or plant material which is for the purpose of obstructing visual observation, or for the purpose of obstructing pedestrian, automotive or animal movement, or for the purpose of beautification, and which is attached to the ground or to a building, but excluding retaining walls.
2. Open Fence: Split rail or 1 x 4 inch board with a maximum of three horizontal rails or boards with no vertical boards except supporting posts, or open metal fencing.
3. Closed Fence: Fences constructed in any manner other than open.

11-903. FENCES & VISION CLEARANCE, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS-RESIDENTIAL

In zoning districts R-1, and R-3 and any other residential districts which may hereafter be added, no fence shall be erected constructed, or moved except for the following types:

1. Along the front property line. An open fence not exceeding 36 inches if constructed of wood or 48 inches if of metal fencing.
2. Along the side yard common to the side street on a corner lot. Any fence constructed within twenty five (25) feet of the front property line must be an open fence meeting specifications of 11-903(1).
3. On a side lot common to two lots. An open or closed fence within 25 feet of the front property line. Such fence shall not exceed height requirements of 11-903(1).
4. Fences along all other property lines. May be open or closed and shall not exceed 6 feet in height. Such fences may turn in at the rear building line on the street side of a corner lot and at the front building line on a side lot common to two lots.
5. All fences shall be constructed of wood, metal, fiberglass, vinyl, PVC, concrete or masonry materials, shall be structurally sound, shall have a neat and finished appearance and shall be straight and true. No fence shall use electrically charged fence material in its construction.
6. Fences must be maintained in good repair. The building and zoning administrator, may order any dilapidated, dangerous, or non-conforming fence removed.

11-904. FENCES AND VISION CLEARANCE, PERMIT REQUIRED

No fence shall be erected, constructed, or moved until a building permit shall have been procured from the Building Inspector. Application for a fence building permit shall include a sketch of the lot, the location of any buildings on the lot, the proposed fence and sufficient dimensions to accurately locate these features.

11-905. VISION CLEARANCE

No shrubs, trees, bushes, or other plant material shall be planted, maintained, allowed to grow and no structure shall be erected so as to hinder vision in the vicinity of an intersection of two streets, within a sight distance triangle bounded by the edges of the roadway or the curb on the two sides and a line diagonally across the corner lot meeting the edges of the roadway or the curb 40 feet from their intersection at the corner.

To hinder vision shall be taken to mean that said plant material has leaves, needles, branches, or other foliage during any period of the year, and structures of any type as defined in the zoning ordinance exist, between levels two (2) feet and eight (8) feet above the crown of the street adjacent. Structures in Zoning District C-2 shall be exempt.

11-906. CONDITIONAL USES.

1. Fences constructed of barbed wire for utility and agriculture related purposes.