

# FENCES

## INSTALLATION CRITERIA

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- Fence, as defined by ordinance, is any partition, structure, wall, or gate erected as a dividing marker, barrier, or enclosure and located within a boundary or within the required yard.
- Fences are allowed in any required yard or along any property line. The entire fence structure **and supporting footings** must be within the property boundaries.
- Fences are allowed in drainage and utility easements, but repair or replacement is the responsibility of the homeowner should construction activity be required within the easement.
- Fence height shall be limited to a maximum of 6 feet. Exceptions: A maximum of 3 feet in height where it would obstruct a safe view from the driveway or street. On corner lots, no fence or planting in excess of 30 inches above the curb line shall be permitted within a triangular area that is 30 feet from intersecting curb lines of intersecting streets.
- Fences are required around swimming pools having a depth greater than 18 inches. The minimum required height is 4 feet. Any gates must be self-closing/latching and capable of being locked.
- Fences with barbs or other similar materials or devices designed for security are not permitted in predominately residential areas.
- Fencing construction material types are not currently regulated by the City, but it is required that all fencing be kept structurally sound and in neat appearance.
- There is no recognized “good” or “bad” side for fence post and rail placement, under current city regulations.
- The above information is excerpted from Titles 11-3-4, 11-3-5, 11-6-7, and 9-11-4 of the Cottage Grove City Code. Other criteria may apply where development restrictions and private covenants prevail.
- A building permit is not required for the installation of fences. However, you must call Gopher State One Call at 651-454-0002 **before you dig** to identify any underground utility locations.



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If you have any questions, please call the Planning Division at 651-458-2827.