

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: My neighbor has a fence that doesn't meet these guidelines, why are they allowed something different?

A: It may be that the fence was built without following the ordinance. They may be subject to fines and/or the expense of removing their fence if it's out of compliance. There are also non-conforming, pre-existing fences.

Q: Why do we have these rules?

A: The main reason for not allowing taller fences in the front yards is for public safety. Clear vision is based on someone being able to see a pedestrian or obstacle when pulling out, thereby avoiding a potential accident.

Q: I spoke with someone at City Hall and they told me I could build my fence this way?

A: It's the owner's responsibility to follow the local ordinances. Question and answers are often misinterpreted, and that does not excuse a code violation.

Q: Can I plant trees or shrubs to screen the front yard?

A: Yes, however shrubs must be maintained below 36 inches if they are within the first 20 feet. Trees must be trimmed clear to 8 feet. The placement of trees should not interfere with utility poles, light standards, power lines, etc.

Q: Can I build a fence taller than 7 feet in my back yard?

A: Yes, but you will need Marion County and City Type A permits for any fence above 7 feet. Contact City Hall for details.

You Need a Type A Permit

and possibly a Marion County Permit

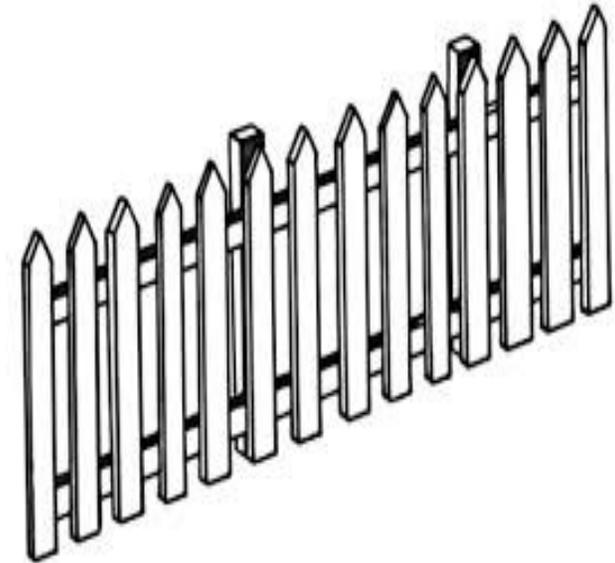


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Fence Construction

What You Need to Know Before Building a Fence



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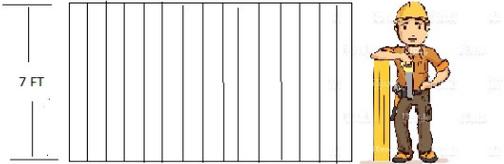
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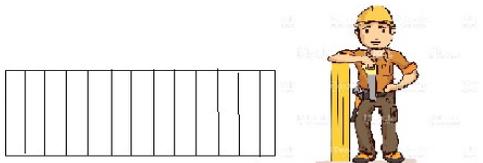
Do I need a permit?

If your fence will be taller than 7 feet, then a Marion County building permit is needed. All fences require an Aumsville Type A Permit. You can get both at City Hall.



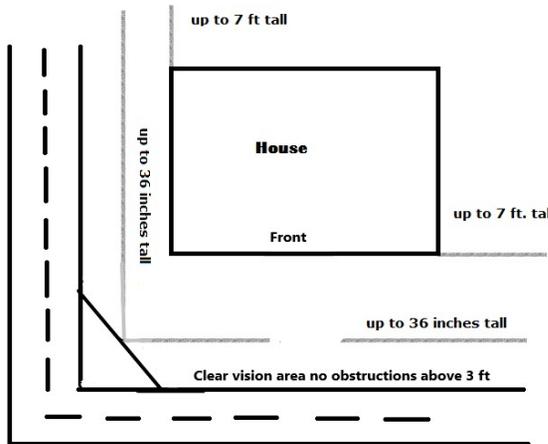
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Front yard fence must be 3 feet or less. You cannot build on a property line or within a right-of-way. A clear vision must remain within 20 feet of any intersection and driveway.

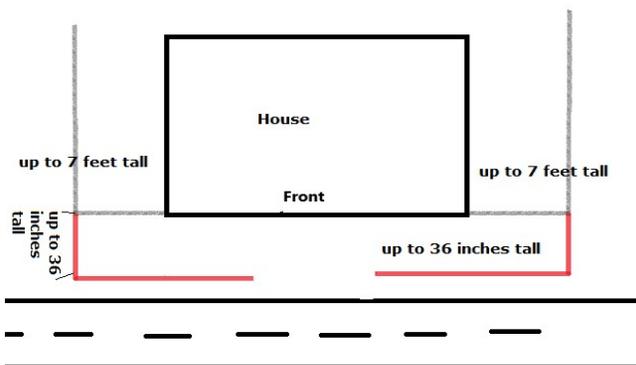


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Corner lot fencing example



Center lot fencing example



REQUIREMENTS

- Street-facing yards are considered to be front yards. This means that a corner house is considered to have two front yards.
- For all street-facing front yards, the fence cannot be more than 36 inches tall.
- For all back yards (those which are not street-facing), the fence cannot be more than 7 feet tall.
- The City of Aumsville does not locate property lines.
- This applies to hedges and other plantings.
- Clear vision is required 20 feet each direction from the intersection of 2 roads, or a road and a driveway.

Not Correct

