

General Information

Fences must comply with placement, height and appearance requirements of the City of Fremont Municipal Code and construction requirements of the California Building Code. Some locations, subdivisions or neighborhoods may have additional specific requirements that apply.

Requirements

The following requirements apply to all fences, but only under certain conditions is a permit required. Please note that specific location, subdivision or neighborhood covenants, conditions and/or restrictions may apply, but may not be included below. Examples are included for your information.

Location, height and appearance requirements:

- Fences may be installed up to 4' high almost anywhere on a residential parcel, 6' high on most rear yard and side yards, and in some situations fence height may be increased to 8' (Example A).
- For residential corner parcels - maximum height along the side yard next to the street is 4' unless the fence is set back at least 5' from the property line. (Example B) Fences within the triangular corner area bounded by the street lot lines – measured 20' from the intersecting lot line – may not be more than 30" above the top of the curb.
- The height of a retaining wall/fence combination or a fence constructed within 10' of a retaining wall is calculated as the combined height of both the retaining wall and fence (Example D).
- Non-view obstructing fencing may be required on hill area residential lots.

A Building Permit is required when:

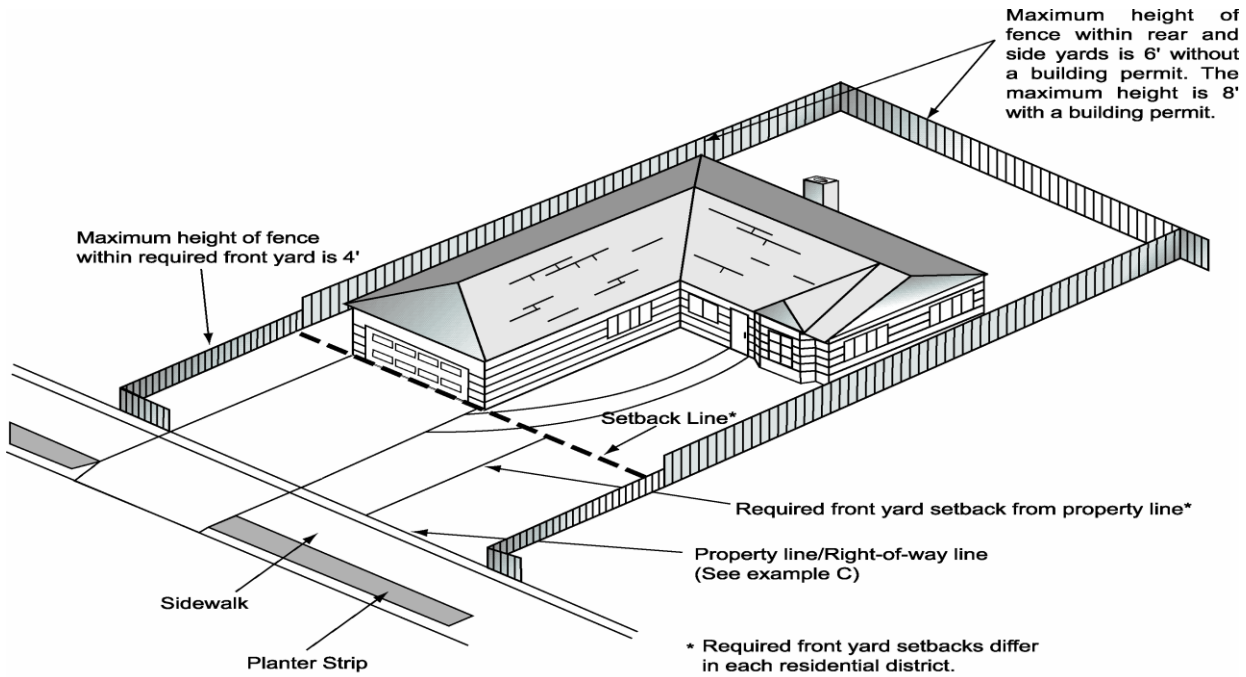
- Fences are constructed or altered to a height greater than 6'.
- Retaining wall and fence combinations, either combined or constructed within 10' of each other, exceed a total height of 6'. (Note: Retaining wall installations may require additional plans and permits).
- A fence is used as a barrier to a pool and/or spa area.
- A fence is required between residential and nonresidential areas.

Permits

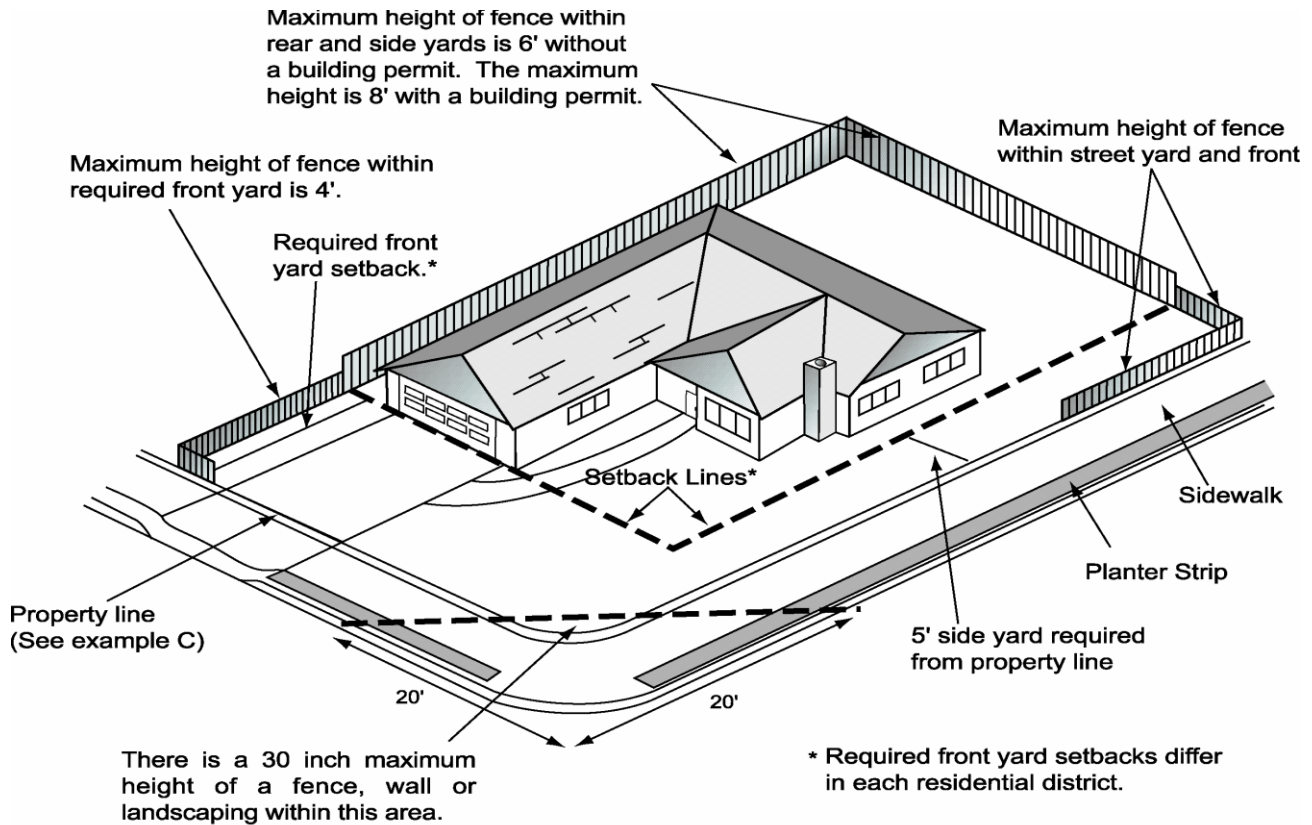
To apply for a permit please provide a completed permit application and 3 sets of plans which should include a plot plan showing property lines, easements, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, streets; building locations including patios, decks, walkways and driveways; proposed fence location and elevation plan showing dimensions, including height; construction plans showing type of material, method of construction - including foundation information, support size and spacing, and method of attachment and structural calculations and supporting specification if applicable to the project.

Scheduling Inspections

To schedule an inspection, please call our Automated Inspection Request Service at (510) 494-4885. Most requests received by 3:00 pm will be scheduled for the following business day. If you would like to know the time of day your project is scheduled for inspection, please call your inspector directly on the scheduled inspection day at 8:00 am. To cancel an inspection and avoid a possible re-inspection fee, please call your inspector or the Building Inspection Office (510) 494-4400 by 8:00 a.m. the day of the inspection.



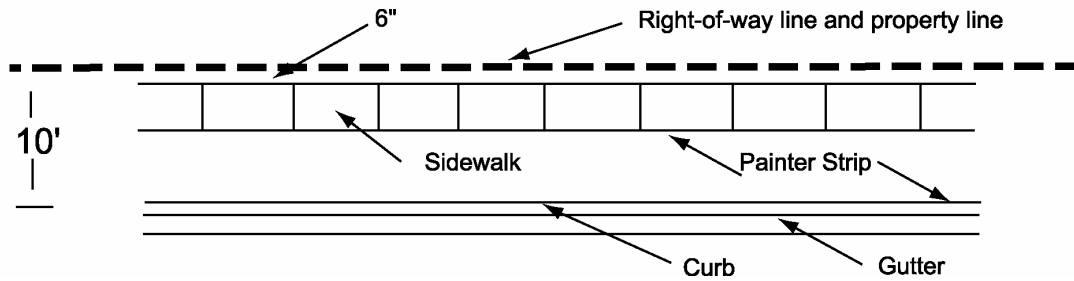
Example A
Typical Standard (non-corner) Lot



Example B
Typical Corner Lot

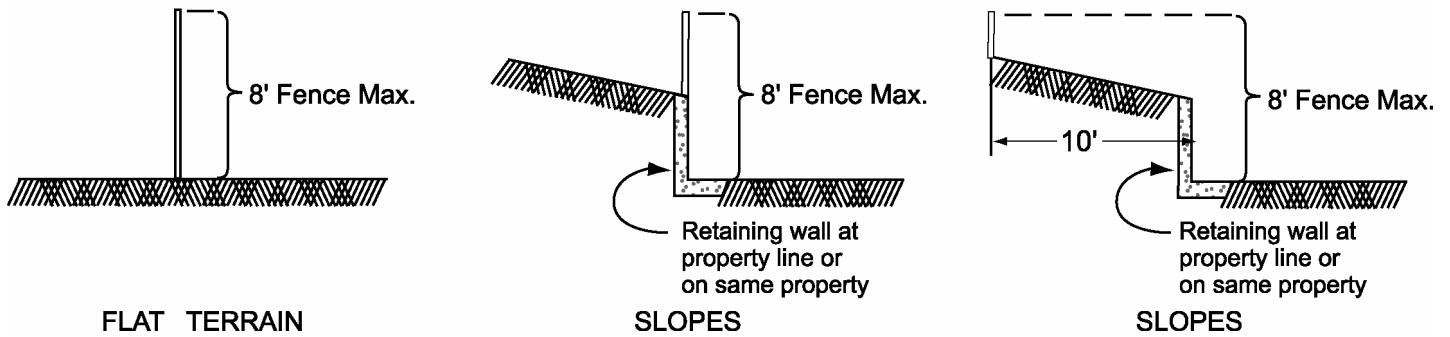
Example C

Typical Property Line/Right-of-way Line.



Example D

Fence/Retaining Wall Height Requirements



Additional Information

Additional Information is available at the City of Fremont Website or by visiting, calling or e-mailing the Development Services Center.

Contact Information

Appointments	(510) 494-4443 or	dscappointment@fremont.gov
Building Inspection Requests	(510) 494-4885	
For information or cancellation of an inspection	(510) 494-4400	
Building Permit Information	(510) 494-4460	
City of Fremont	www.fremont.gov	
Plan Check Information	(510) 494-4460 or	bldginfo@fremont.gov
Planning and Zoning Information	(510) 494-4455 or	planinfo@fremont.gov