



FENCE INSTALLATION GUIDELINES

▪ **WHEN DO I NEED A PERMIT?**

All commercial fences require a building permit prior to installation. Fences installed on residential property do not require a permit but must meet setback and heights requirements as established in the zoning code.

▪ **IS A FENCE PERMIT REQUIRED WHEN MAKING REPAIRS OR REPLACING AN EXISTING FENCE?**

A building permit is not required when repairing or replacing portions of the fence, as long as the fence repair/replacement does not change the layout, materials or height of the fence.

▪ **DOES A TEMPORARY FENCE REQUIRE A BUILDING PERMIT?**

A temporary fence does require a building permit. Temporary fences are allowed for a maximum of 180-days.

▪ **CAN A FENCE BE LOCATED IN A YARD SETBACK?**

Fences may be located within required setbacks subject to applicable zoning regulations. Fences located within a required setback shall not impair safe lines of sight at intersections (AHMC Chapter 17.19, Sight Clearance for Intersections and Shoulders) and are subject to height limitations as determined by zoning regulations. Contact the Planning Department to discuss your property's sight clearance.

▪ **WHAT ARE THE FENCE HEIGHT LIMITATIONS?**

All residential fences shall not exceed 42 inches within the front yard setback (25 feet from the front property line) and 72 inches when located on any other portion of the property. Only in special circumstances, as determined by the Planning Official, may the maximum height limitation be exceeded. All commercial fences are required to be permitted.

▪ **HOW IS THE FENCE HEIGHT MEASURED?**

The height of the fence is measured vertically from the top of the fence post to existing grade (the ground directly below the section of the fence being measured). A two inch gap at the bottom of the fencing is allowed in excess of the required height limitations.

▪ **CAN I BUILD A BERM, MOUND, OR SMALL HILL TO RAISE THE HEIGHT ALLOWANCE FOR MY FENCE?**

Height allowances for fences are measured from existing grade. Any alteration of existing grade will not increase the height allowance for fences.

▪ **WHAT IS THE MAXIMUM FENCE HEIGHT ADJACENT TO A STREET OR VEHICULAR ACCESS EASEMENT?**

Fences may not exceed 42 inches height from existing grade within 25 feet of any public right of way or vehicular access easement.

▪ **DO HOT TUBS, SPAS, ABOVE OR IN-GROUND SWIMMING POOLS REQUIRE A FENCE?**

Yes. Please contact the Building Department for specific barrier requirements.

▪ **IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I SHOULD KNOW ABOUT FENCES?**

Electric, barbed wire, and razor wire fences are not allowed in the City of Airway Heights, except in industrial and agricultural zones as permitted. Fences shall not be located in the right-of-way of any street.

PLEASE CONTACT THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION