



CITY OF MERIDEN

Development & Enforcement

Frequently Asked Questions about Fences

Note:

It is the property owner's responsibility to verify where property lines are located.

The Planning Department recommends having your property surveyed in order to establish your property lines.

A list of surveyors is available in the Planning office.

Did you know?

A ZONING PERMIT is required for any fence. A map of your property showing the proposed location of the fence, including height, must be submitted with your building permit application.

Although fences can be installed on the property line, it is recommended to hold it away from the line for ease of maintenance.

FENCE HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

The maximum height of a fence allowed in the front yard is four (4) feet.

The maximum height of a fence allowed in the back and sides of a yard is six (6) feet.

A corner lot must be treated as if it has two front yards, allowing only four (4) foot tall fences on both street sides. (Consult with the Zoning Officer for exact placement allowed.)

Requirements for eight (8) foot fences include a survey, a building permit, set-backs (per zone), a map showing placement of the fence, and the fence line is to be staked out by a surveyor prior to installation.

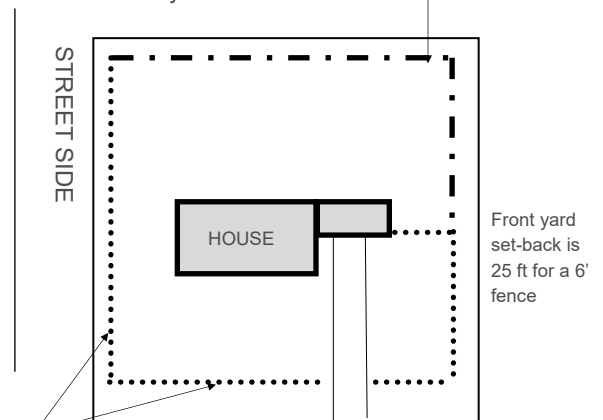
Stone walls/retaining walls under 3 feet tall are considered landscaping. Anything over 3 feet requires a building permit and engineered drawing.

A "green fence" does not require a permit. However, make sure that hedges are held back from the front of the property so that view of the street is not obstructed for neighboring driveways.

For information about fences around pools, please refer to the Code of the City of Meriden, Section 213-44 "Swimming Pools".

If you are planning on installing a fence and are unsure of the placement in your yard, please stop by the Planning office for guidance.

Fence along back and side yards between lots can be max 6 ft tall with a 25 ft front yard set-back. A survey is recommended.



Fence along street side and in front of house can only be max of 4 ft tall.

EXAMPLE OF A CORNER LOT

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