

# Why Fence Requirements

Fences can create privacy, enhance landscaping and provide protection to individual homes and property. Height regulations ensure safety and uniformity of the Community and People.



## 10.30.060 Miscellaneous requirements and provisions.

(A) Height of Fences, Walls, and Hedges in Residential Zones.

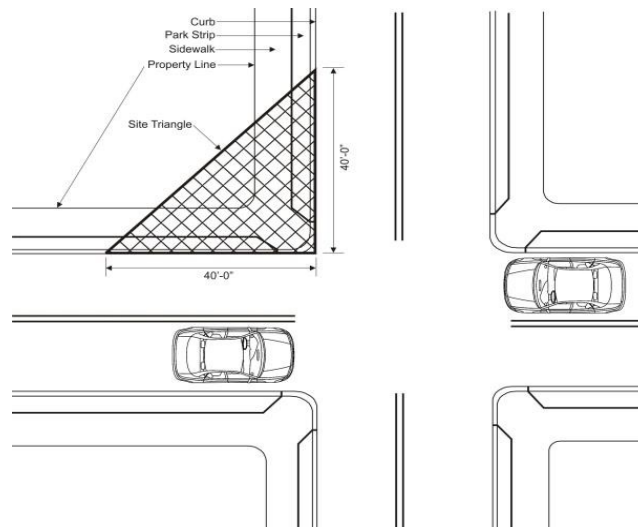
(1) Rear and/or Side Yard. Fences, walls, or hedges shall not exceed **six feet in height**.

(2) Front Yard. Fences, walls or hedges shall not exceed **three feet in height** and shall comply with the requirements of subsection (B) of this section.

(3) **Corner Lot**. Fences, walls or hedges shall not exceed **three feet for a minimum of 10 feet from the property line when located within 10 feet to an adjacent driveway on an adjoining lot**.

(4) Retaining Walls. Where a retaining wall is reasonable and necessary, located on the line separating lots, such retaining wall may include a fence, wall, or hedge on top to the same height that would otherwise be permitted if no retaining wall existed.

(B) **Visibility at Intersections**. Notwithstanding any provisions of this title in any district, fences, walls, signs, hedges, or other plantings may not encroach within the required clear-visibility triangle located at the intersection of two roads or the intersection of a road and a nonresidential driveway. No one shall erect, place, or plant anything or allow anything to grow in such a manner as to impede vision between a height of two and one-half feet and eight feet above centerline grades of the adjoining street centerline surface elevation. Property owners shall maintain all tree branches so that none of them are lower than eight feet in clear site triangle area. The configuration of a clear-visibility triangle is shown in Exhibit 10.30.060, and the length of each leg, measured along the curb line or edge of roadway or edge of nonresidential driveway, shall be **40 feet**, or based upon applicable speed limits greater than 40 mph as per AASHTO's "Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets."



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### Where can I have a fence?

A fence can be located on private property that is not within a public right-of-way.

### How tall can my fence be?

Fence heights are limited to **3 feet** in the *front yard* and **6 feet** in any *side or rear yard*. All lots shall not block the clear view site triangle.

### Do I need a permit to install a fence?

No, a permit is not required for fences that are 6 feet in height or shorter and constructed of vinyl, wood or chain link. Fences constructed out of other materials may require a permit.

### Do I need my neighbor's permission.

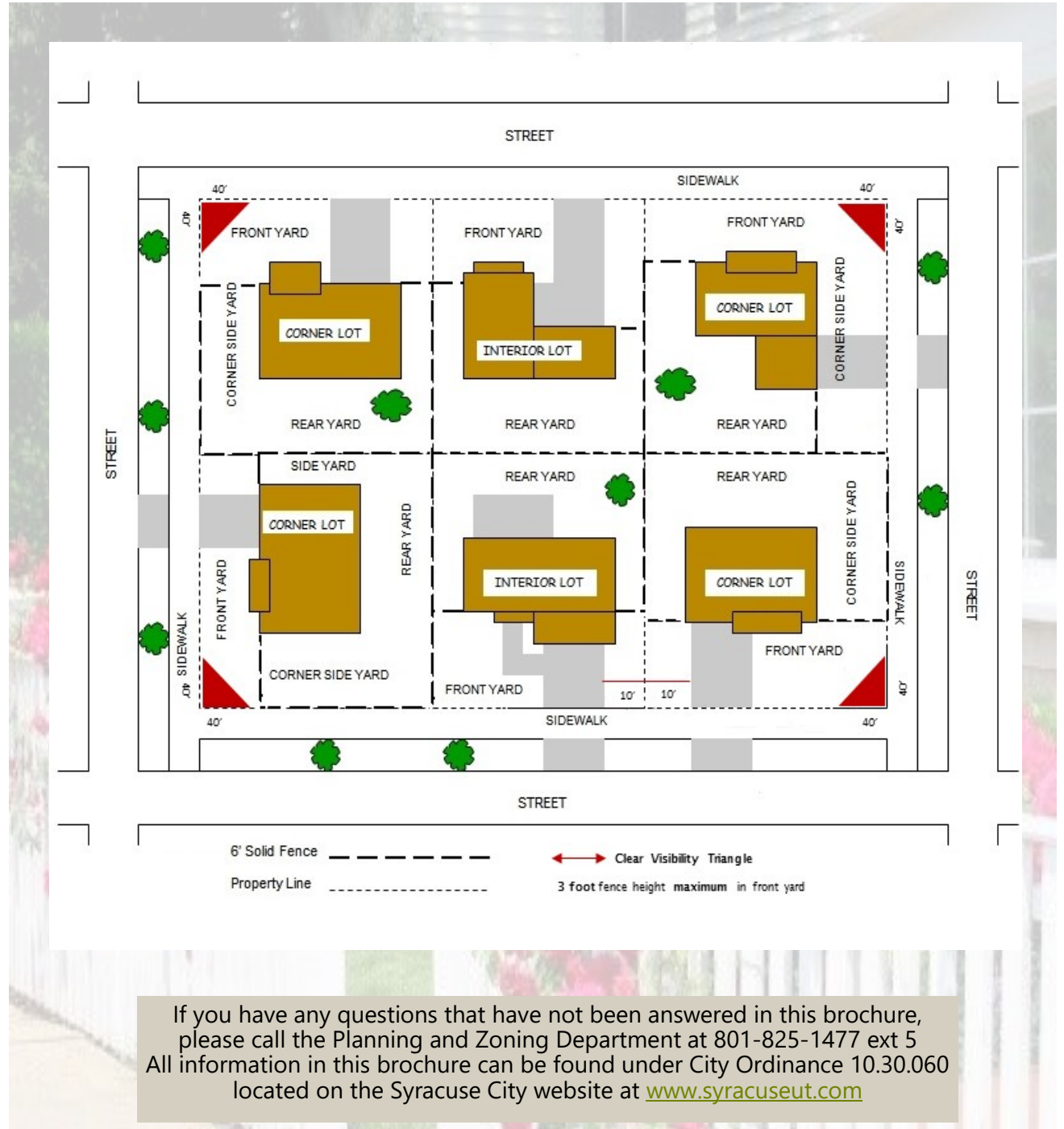
No, as long as all the holes for the fence are clearly on your property, you will not need to get your neighbors permission.

### What is the public right of way?

The public right of way is the strip of ground set aside by the City to provide public streets and pedestrian access around the City. It usually is the street, sidewalk, planting strip and 1 foot strip behind the sidewalk.

### Are there other areas where a fence is required to be less than 6 feet tall?

Yes, within site triangle areas on corner lots or if it obstructs vision of a neighbors driveway.



If you have any questions that have not been answered in this brochure, please call the Planning and Zoning Department at 801-825-1477 ext 5. All information in this brochure can be found under City Ordinance 10.30.060 located on the Syracuse City website at [www.syracuseut.com](http://www.syracuseut.com)

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