



Contact Code Enforcement

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To Report a Concern Regarding a Possible Violation of Local Codes:

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Residential Fences



Code Enforcement Mission:

To promote and maintain a high quality of life where people live and work.

How High Can My Residential Fence Be?

Fences in the front yard in RD zones shall be limited to:

- Solid walls or fences not exceeding three (3) feet,
- Fences constructed of chain link or similar woven material, not exceeding four (4) feet, or
- Open ornamental fencing not exceeding seven (7) feet.
- Fences exceeding these heights may be allowed with the issuance of a Minor Use Permit.

Fences in the front yard in the AG or AR zone shall be limited to seven (7) feet.

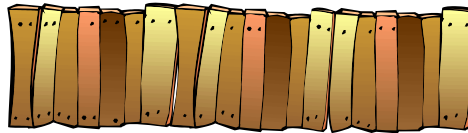
Fences in the side-street yard shall not exceed seven (7) feet. Retaining wall and fence combinations exceeding seven (7) feet may be permitted with the issuance of a Minor Use Permit.

Fences in side or rear yards shall not exceed seven (7) feet and may be located on a retaining wall not to exceed four (4) feet in height.

Note: For purposes of measuring fence height, the frontage with the primary entrance to the main dwelling shall be considered the front yard and the other frontage(s) shall be considered the side street yard(s). In the case of a corner lot with a duplex, or two or more dwellings, where primary entrances face both frontages, both frontages shall be considered the front yard. Where a home demonstrates multiple established primary entrances on both frontages, both frontages shall be considered the front yard.

All fences adjacent to drives and street intersections. When fences, walls, and/or landscape screening are adjacent to street intersections and points of ingress and egress the visibility requirements of the Sacramento County Improvement Standards enforced by the Department of Transportation shall be adhered to.

(See Section 5.2.5.B for full text regarding Residential Fences)



How are Fence Heights Measured?

Fence height for fences within five (5) feet of a public right-of-way or right-of-way with PUPF shall be measured from the grade of the right-of-way or right-of-way with PUPF. Beyond five (5) feet, fence height shall be measured from highest elevation of the ground on either side of the fence.

(See Section 5.2.5.B. of the Zoning Code)

Does My Fence Establish My Property Line?

No. Fences do not indicate legal property lines. Fences are frequently erected without regards to legal property lines. To determine the legal boundaries of your property, it is recommended a surveyor be hired. Code Enforcement cannot resolve property line disputes.

What Types of Residential Fences are Prohibited?

- Barbed Wire
- Electric
- Any material extending the top of the fence above its allowed height. This includes decorative items such as lattice, unless it has been approved with a conditional use permit or a variance.

(See Section 5.2.5.A of the Zoning Code)



Code Enforcement's Goal

Code Enforcement's goal is to prevent the physical and aesthetic deterioration of our community. By enforcing the County codes, we can help you clean up your neighborhoods and maintain a healthy and safe environment.

Together, we can help reduce crime and poverty, protect the health and well-being of our residents, and help maintain property values. When you purchased your home, business, or property, you made an investment in not only in the property itself, but you also invested in the community.

As a property owner, you can positively impact your property and community by adhering to the County codes, keeping your property tidy, and reporting those who do not; thus, preserving and enhancing your community for future generations.

How You Can Help?

- **Keep automobile repair limited to personal, minor repair.**
- **Keep both developed and undeveloped property free of trash, debris, and excessive foliage.**
- **Fence or board properties which might attract trespassers or vandals.**
- **Keep grounds and structures clean and tidy.**
- **Park in designated parking.**
- **Learn and adhere to local zoning and code regulations.**
- **Do not tolerate illicit activity.**
- **Cooperate in good faith should you receive a complaint.**
- **Report violations and nuisances.**

This is Your Community! Let's work together to keep it clean and safe!

Report Your Concerns: Call 311
