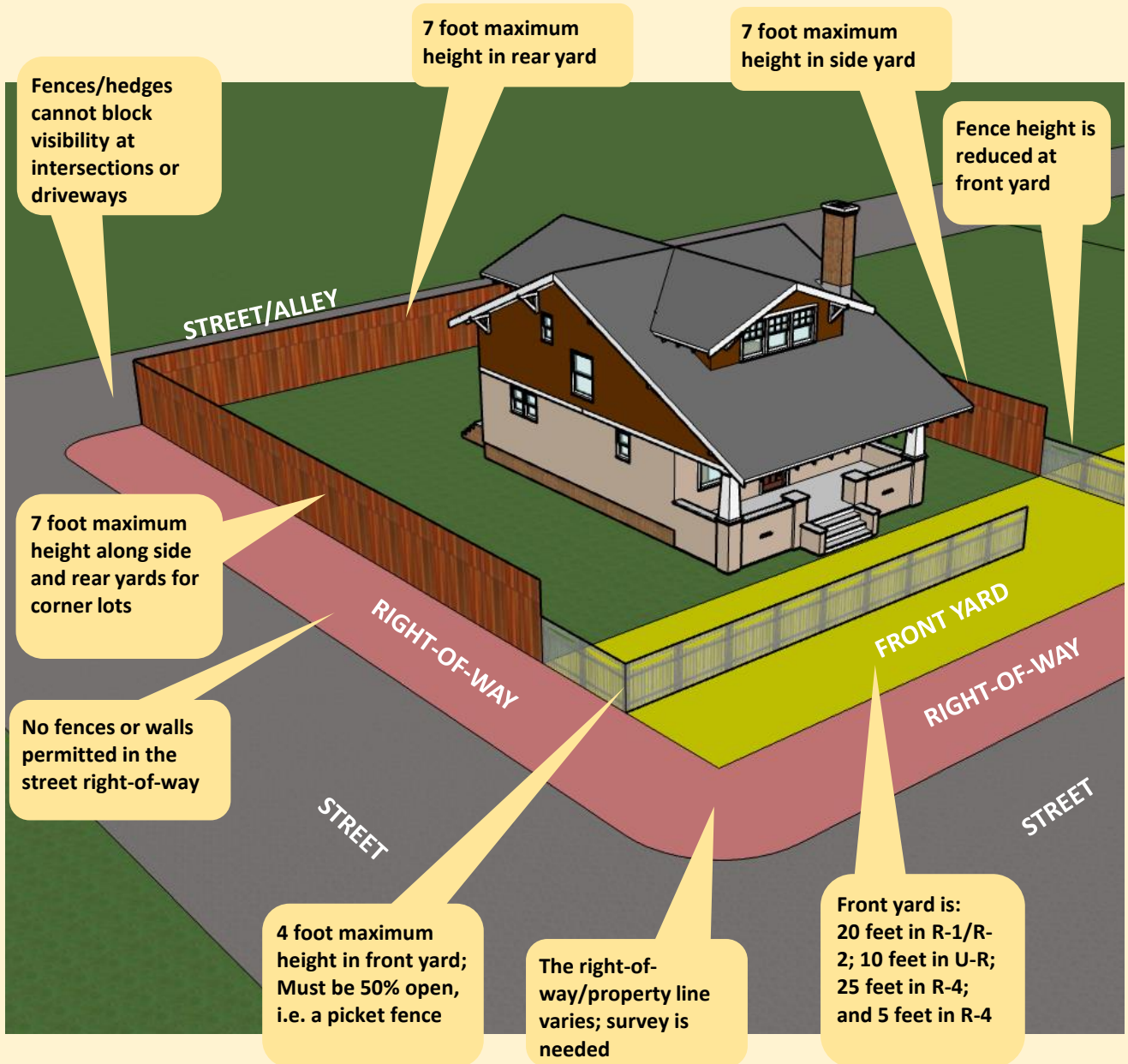


FENCES AND WALLS GUIDE



Please see [Section 42.325](#) of the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations for details on fences/walls.



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ADVICE

- ❑ Consider having your property lines marked by a surveyor so you know exactly where your property begins. Cost is typically \$500-1000 for town lots.
- ❑ Consider discussing your plans with your neighbors. This can prevent future misunderstandings, avoid the need for a survey, and could they might even share the cost.
- ❑ Call Missouri 811 for a utility locate before you dig. It is a free service.
- ❑ Call Community Development for information about any easements or if you have any questions.
- ❑ Reconsider building a fence in a utility easement. If you do build in the easement, consider providing an access gate and removable panels.
- ❑ Good fences make good neighbors. A privacy fence can be used to screen your view of the neighbors yard and can screen your yard from the view of others.
- ❑ A well-built fence will have less maintenance. Solid posts, quality screws and materials, and proper spacing/bracing will make a fence last many years. Consider the use of maintenance free materials.



QUESTIONS

Do I need a permit?

Most fences do not require a permit, however, the fence regulations do still apply. Fences over 7 feet in height and retaining walls over 4 feet in height require a building permit and must be designed by an engineer.

Where can I place a fence?

Fences may be located almost anywhere on your property, however, the height may be limited in the front yards.

How tall may my fence be?

Fences in front yard setbacks are limited to 4 feet in height and must be designed to be 50% open, like a picket fence. Fences within the side or rear yard setbacks may be up to 7 feet in height. In other locations outside the setbacks, it is possible to build a taller fence with a building permit.

What types of fences are NOT allowed?

Fences and hedge walls must not block the clear sight triangle at an intersection or driveway. Fences may not be built of things like junk, particle board, plastic tarps, etc., not intended to be used for fence materials. Electric fences, barbed-wire, razor wire, etc. is generally not allowed. Privacy fences are required to be built with the finished side facing outward towards the adjoining lot or streets.

Is this my fence?

When the time comes to maintain or replace a fence many may wonder if the fence is their responsibility. It can be difficult to know who originally built the fence or who should bear the responsibility for repairs. A survey may be needed to find which property the fence is located. Disputes over fence location or repairs are generally a civil issue between the land owners. One should contact an attorney for advise.

What if I have a complaint?

Please contact Community Development if you see a fence or wall that is in disrepair, blocking vision, or has recently been constructed and does not meet the fence regulations.

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