

# Residential Fence Building Requirements

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## **I. Permit Process**

1. Fill out an application for plan examination and building permit which can be picked up at our office or on our website <http://www.jacksonmo.org/Information-Center/Applications-and-Forms/>
2. Attach a site plan with the requirements below
3. Ensure that your contractors have a current Contractor license through the City Of Jackson

### **Site Plan**

1. All property lines, including where the property pins are located.
2. Property measurements can be found on the Cape County Assessor's website <http://gis.capecounty.us/taxparcelviewer/>
3. All existing buildings on the property
4. Footage of proposed fence and footage of proposed fence to the property lines.
5. For fence requirements refer to Chapter 65 of the Jackson City Code which is outlined below

## **II. Fence Requirements**

1. Residential property boundary and privacy fences or walled enclosures in side and rear yards shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height.
2. On corner lots where fences are to be located in the required front yards abutting both streets, said fences shall not exceed four (4) feet in height. Additionally on corner lots, no fences over four (4) feet in height shall project beyond the main structure face, exclusive of unenclosed porches which project into the required front yard. On double frontage lots, fences over four (4) feet in height shall not be placed closer to the rear street than the setback requirement for main structures as determined by the district in which they are located.
3. Fences may be constructed to the property lines, except, however, that no fence or walled enclosure greater than four (4) feet in height nor any fence or enclosure which causes sight obstruction to traffic shall be constructed within the sight triangle formed from the corner of a right-of-way intersection in each direction for a distance of thirty (30) feet from intersecting edges of pavement as projected to a point of meeting. No fence shall be constructed upon or over the public right-of-way or alleyway.
4. Fences may be constructed over easements under the condition that the city and other utilities have the right to remove the fence to perform any necessary work within the easement and shall not be required to reinstall or restore the fence. Access by utility providers may be required as needed to perform maintenance activities.
5. Residential fences or walled enclosures located within a required front yard shall not exceed four (4) feet in height. Front yard fences must be a typical decorative split rail, wrought iron, or picket fence. At least fifty (50) percent of the surface of the fence shall

- be open. No front yard fence shall be constructed in whole or in part of chain link, woven wire, barbed wire, wire fabric, snow, concrete, tin, cloth, canvas, chicken coop wire, bamboo, or other similar fencing material.
6. Fences enclosing swimming pools shall be a minimum of four (4) feet in height and shall meet the requirements set forth in the current city building code.
  7. Temporary construction fences and fences required for protection around excavations shall comply with all city ordinances.
  8. Fences shall have adequate footings, foundations, or post depth and size as required by the current city building code.
  9. All fences shall be constructed with the finished side facing outward from the property or with both sides finished. The post and support beams shall not be on the outside.
  10. Wood fences shall be constructed of material which is naturally resistant to insects and decay or has been treated to resist insects and decay underground.
  11. All fences shall be constructed of a consistent material such as chain link, wood, concrete, brick, stone, wrought iron, vinyl, or other like material.
  12. All fences enclosing property (front, side, and rear yard) shall have a minimum of one (1) access gate at least forty-eight (48) inches in width with the gate opening inward towards the property
  13. Where lots have double frontage, the required front yard shall be provided on both streets.
  14. No accessory building, including fences, other than those specifically permitted in front and side yards, shall project beyond the main structure in the required front and side yards adjacent to both streets.

### **III. Prohibited Fences**

1. Sharp-pointed fences.
2. No fence shall be constructed solely of a single wire or of two (2) wires between posts or supports.
3. No fence shall be constructed in whole or in part of barbed wire, except for agricultural uses and for top wire or wires on a security fence in commercial and industrial districts at least ten (10) feet in height.
4. No more than two (2) different types of fencing material are permitted.
5. No person shall erect or maintain any division fence or screen, in whole or in part of cloth, canvas, tin, chicken coop wire, bamboo, or other like material.
6. No person shall permit any fence erected or maintained on premises owned, occupied, or leased by him to be used for advertising purposes.
7. No person shall connect any type of electrical current to an existing or newly constructed fence, except as allowed in agricultural zoning districts.
8. No fence shall be maintained with protruding nails, boards, wires, or similar materials.