

### Residential Fences

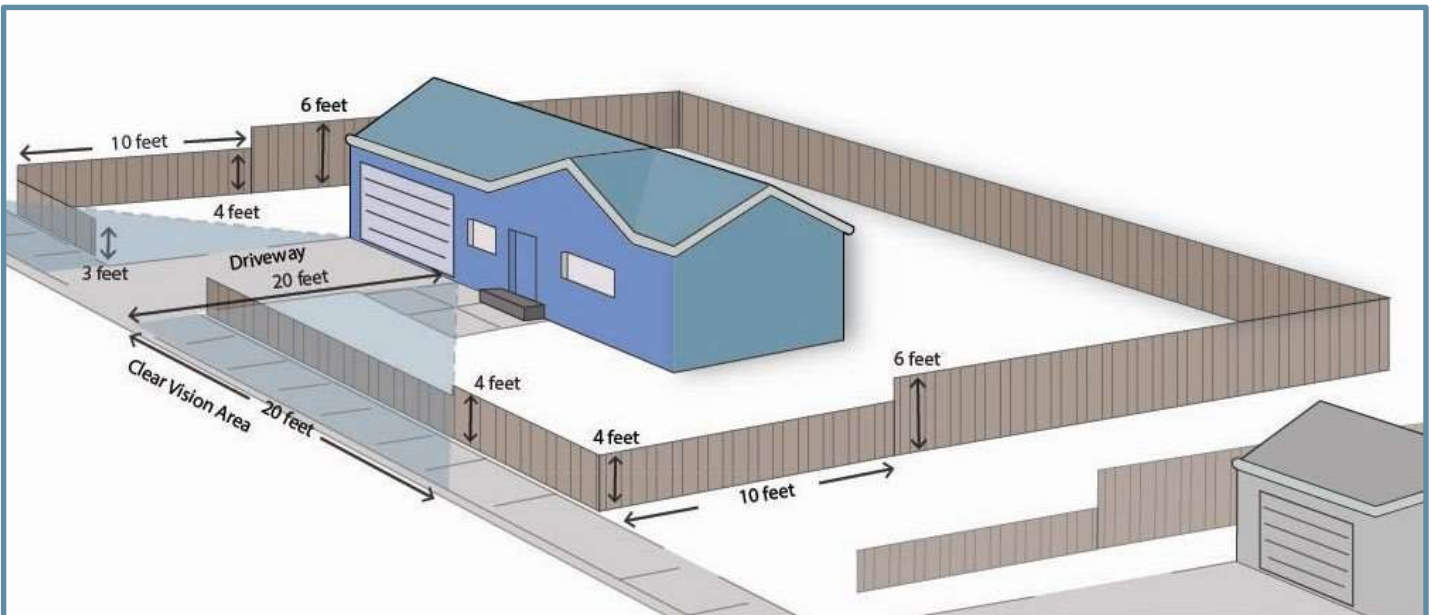
These fence standards apply to fencing in low-density residential land use districts and for single detached homes and middle housing.

#### Maximum height:

Overall maximum	6 feet
In the front 10 feet of the property	4 feet
In the <i>Clear Vision Area</i>	3 feet or chain link

### Code

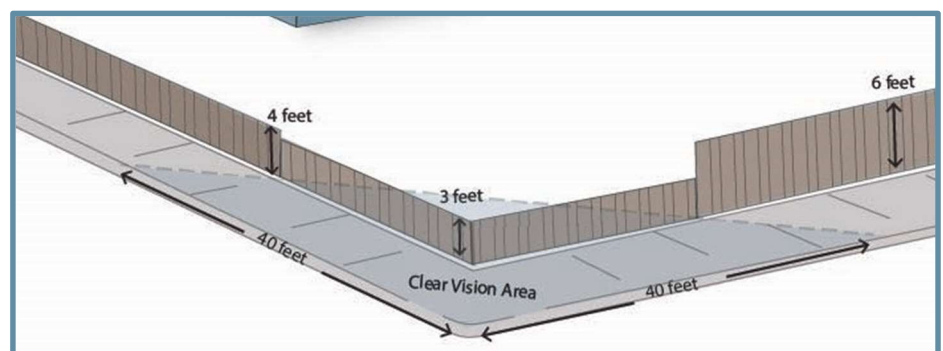
- Fence standards: [GCDC 9.0400](#)
- Clear Vision Area: [PWS 6.04](#)
- GRC Nuisance standards: [7.15.040 \(7\)](#)
- *No permit required*
- *Fences must not be in the public right-of-way*
- *Electric and barbed wire fences are prohibited*



### Clear Vision Area

The Clear Vision Area where the driveway meets the street is limited to 3 feet in height. The driveway Clear Vision Area is measured 20 feet along the edge of roadway, and 20 feet back along the driveway.

The Clear Vision Area at a street intersection is measured 40 feet in each direction along the right of way.

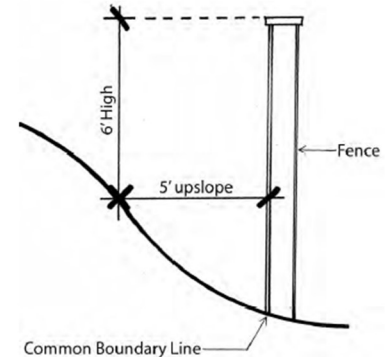


### Measuring fence height

If there is a nearby slope or grade change, your fence can be taller to compensate for that difference. Measure the base grade at the ground's highest point within 5 feet of the common property line. To find the maximum overall fence height, measure 6 feet up from that base grade.

### Where's my property line?

Look for property markers placed at the corners of the lot when the property was originally platted. Often these are metal bars with plastic caps. Need on-the-ground help? Find and hire a surveyor to determine your property lines: [PLSO.org](http://PLSO.org).



### I want my fence to be taller than six feet.

The maximum height for a residential fence is 6 feet. For those seeking additional privacy, consider planting shrubs, trees, and other vegetation. Anything attached to a fence such as lattice is still considered part of the fence and part of the overall height. A Variance to standards requires a formal land use application demonstrating a very unique situation that does not apply to most other properties; for more information, see [GCDC 10.1500](http://GCDC 10.1500).

### What if my property is in a Natural Resource Overlay or Floodplain Overlay?

There are special considerations to limit the impact of fences in these areas. Fences in resource areas will need to meet [Wildlife Friendly Fencing](#) standards. You can look up your property on [Gresham Map](#). Contact [POD@greshamoregon.gov](mailto:POD@greshamoregon.gov) for more information.

### What about easements?

Some properties may have easements that provide access to other people through part of the property, such as for a shared driveway or utility services. Utility easements typically require that you preserve access for maintenance and replacement of the utility. Check your property's title report or Multnomah County records for more information about easements on your property.

### What about underground utilities?

Call 811 or go to the [Utility Notification Center](#) for information about locating underground utilities.

### My neighbor and I cannot agree on the placement, responsibility, or other issue for a fence. Is there help?

Talking with your neighbors is a great first step for any fence project. If you're having trouble agreeing on a topic, consider calling *East County Resolutions*: 503-618-3247 or [Mediate@greshamoregon.gov](mailto:Mediate@greshamoregon.gov). A professional surveyor can help with marking property line locations if needed; see [PLSO.org](http://PLSO.org).

### What materials can I use to build my fence?

Common fence materials such as wooden planks and masonry walls are acceptable throughout most of Gresham. The Gresham Revised Code (7.15.040(7)) does not allow fences made of materials such as tarps, sheet metal, chip board, plywood, or other sheet materials. Fences constructed with scrap or dangerous materials are not allowed. Temporary non-rigid construction fencing (like orange netting) is only permitted at active construction sites.

In special Design Districts (*Downtown, Civic, Corridor, Rockwood*) vinyl and chain-link fencing are not permitted. You can look up your property on [Gresham Map](#). Under "Layers" go to "Planning" and check "Design Districts."