

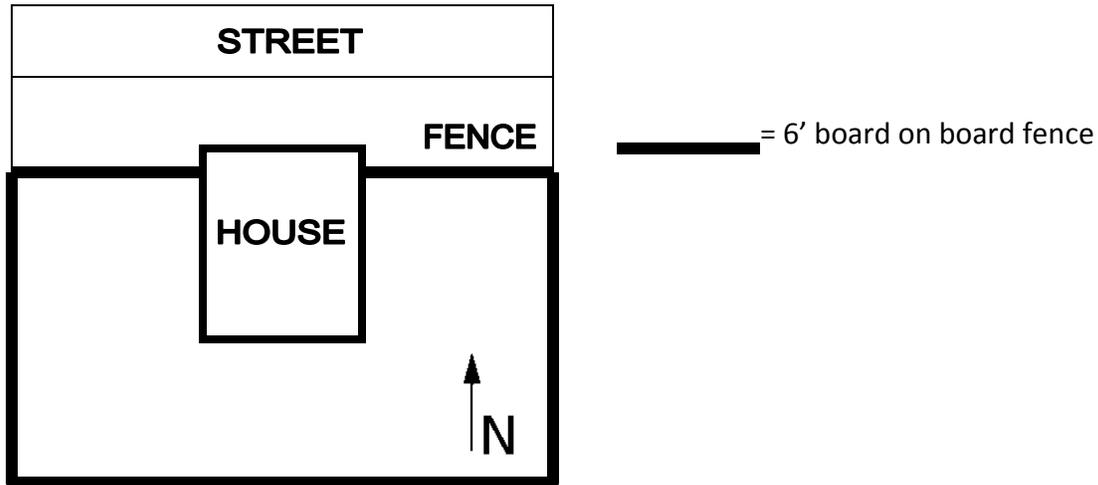
## Frequently Asked Questions about Fences

**Q: Do I need a permit to install a fence?**

A: Yes. Permit applications are available online or at City Hall.

**Q: What information do I need to submit to get a fence permit?**

A: You will need to complete a Residential Building Permit Application. In addition, you will need to submit a plot plan showing property lines, where the fence will be located and the type of fence you wish to install. See sample plot plan below.



**Q: Who should pull the permit?**

A: If the property owner is installing the fence, the property owner should pull the permit. If a contractor is installing the fence, the contractor should pull the permit.

**Q: How long does it take to obtain a permit?**

A: Once you've completed the Residential Building Permit Application and submitted all of the necessary information, it will take a couple of days for the Chief Building Official to review the permit application.

**Q: Can I install the fence along the property line?**

A: It depends on the type of fence you want to install. All fences on the property line or within five feet of the property line must have 25% uniform open airspace. Fences that are five feet or more from the property line are not required to have 25% uniform open airspace.

**Q: What types of fences have 25% uniform open airspace?**

A: Board on board fences, chain link fences, and split rail fences are the most common types of fences that have 25% uniform open airspace. Stockade fences do not have 25% uniform open airspace and must be at least five feet from any property line. See photos below.

**FENCES WITH 25% UNIFORM OPEN AIRSPACE – Allowed on the Property Line**



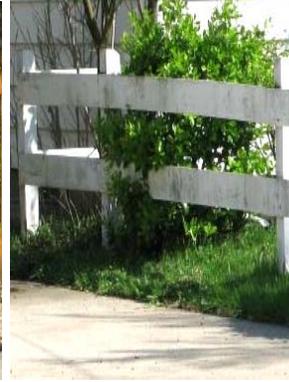
Board on Board



Chain Link



Picket



Split Rail

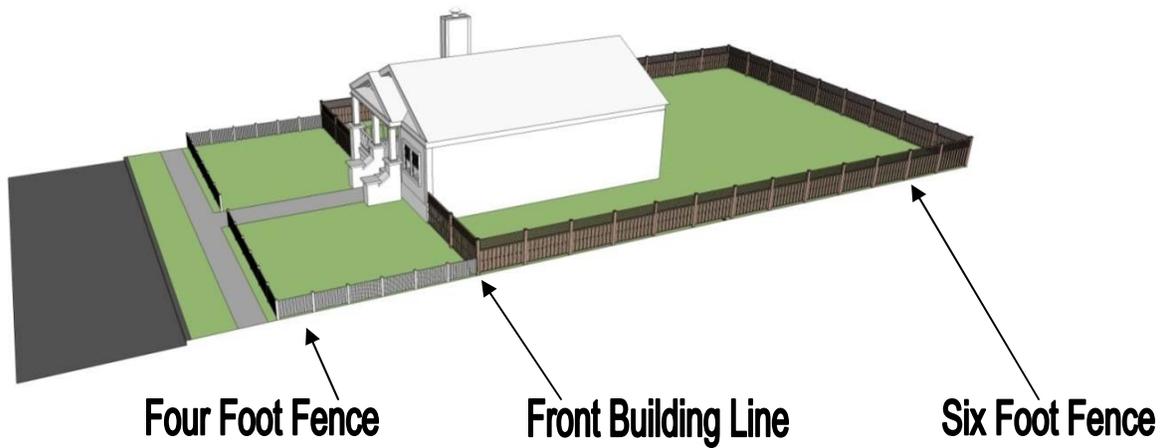
**FENCES WITHOUT 25% UNIFORM OPEN AIRSPACE – Not Allowed on the Property Line**



Stockade

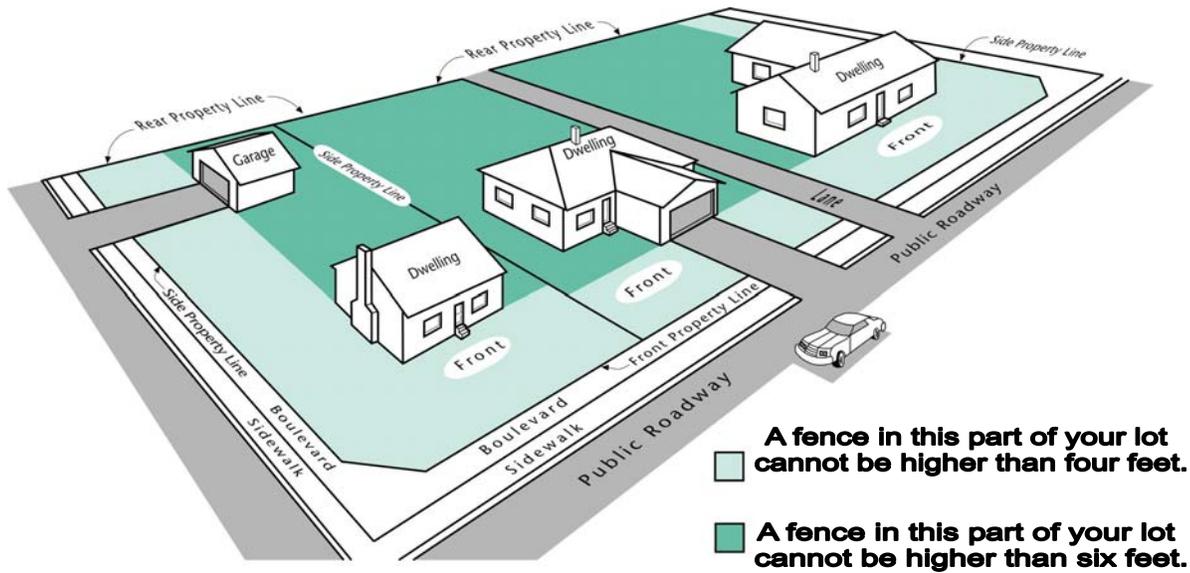
**Q: How high can my fence be?**

**A:** Fences in front of the front building line cannot exceed four feet in height. Fences behind the front building line cannot exceed six feet in height. See diagram below.



**Q: What if my house is on a corner lot?**

A: A corner lot has two front yards and two side yards. The maximum height of a fence in the front yard is four feet. The maximum height of a fence in the side yard is six feet. See the diagram below.



**Q: What inspections do I need?**

A: Fences require at least two inspections. A post hole inspection is required after the post holes are dug and before the posts are installed. A final inspection is required after the fence has been installed.