

Residential Fence Requirements

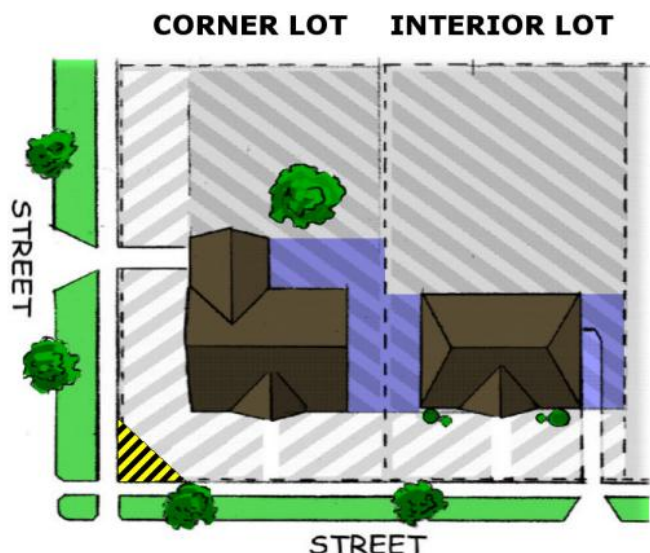


CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE

Residential Fencing Requirements
Zoning Ordinance Section 10-1.1712

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ADDITIONAL STANDARDS

No fence may encroach upon a street, sidewalk, or alley right-of-way. Your fence must be on your property.

No fence may contain sharp pointed materials, barbed wire, electric current, or charge of electricity.

All height dimensions are measured from the surface on the ground. Height measurement may exclude up to two (2) inches for open space between the bottom of a fence panel and the ground surface in most areas and up to six (6) inches for open space between the bottom of a fence panel and the ground in the occasional area of noticeably uneven ground. The height measurement may also exclude up to four (4) inches for decorative post tops.

If you are uncertain as to the location of your property lines, you may wish to consider enlisting the services of a licensed surveyor.

FRONT YARD



Front Yard Defined: Is an open space extending the full width of the lot, the depth of which is the minimum horizontal distance between the front lot line and the nearest line of the main building.

Interior Lots:

Maximum height: 4 feet

Maximum area of solid construction: 70%

Corner Lots:

Maximum height: 4 feet

Maximum area of solid construction: 70%

*Along a corner street, the front yard is the first 20 feet in from the side property line or the distance between the side property line and the main building, whichever is less.

Special Note: Double frontage lots and lots along the St. Marys River have additional restrictions, contact the Planning & Zoning Office for additional information.

REAR AND SIDE YARDS



Rear Yard Defined: Is an open space extending the full width of the lot, the depth of which is the minimum horizontal distance between the rear lot line and the nearest line of the main building.



Side Yard Defined: Is an open space between a main building and side lot line, extending from the front yard to the rear yard, with width of which is the horizontal distance from the nearest point of the side lot line to the nearest point of the main building.

Interior and Corner Lots:

Maximum height: 6 feet

Maximum solid construction: 100%

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CORNER VISIBILITY TRIANGLE



Applies only to corner lots and is defined as the triangular area formed at the intersection of any street right-of-way lines by a straight line drawn between said right-of-way lines at a distance along each line of twenty-five (25) feet from their point of intersection.

Limits the height of fencing within the visibility triangle to not more than three feet in height.



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