

If you are interested in putting up a fence on your property, here are answers to the most commonly asked questions, as well as some helpful hints that explain fence regulations applicable within the City of Faribault.

This guide is intended to be general in nature and does not cover every aspect of city fence regulations in detail. This guide should not be considered as the final or definitive authority on any of the matters it addresses.

If you have questions or would like more specific information, please contact:

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**Q Do I need a permit to build or install a fence?**

**A** No permit is required for the construction or installation of a fence, unless it is to be placed on a property located within the Heritage Preservation District.

**Q What if my property is in the Historic Preservation District?**

**A** Building permits are required for fences being constructed in the Heritage Preservation District, if the fence will be placed along a street or within view of a street.

The building permit application must be reviewed and approved by the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC). The HPC then forwards the application onto the building official for final approval and issuance of the building permit.

**Q Where can I build a fence on my property?**

**A** Fences may be installed and maintained in any yard along or adjacent to a property line. The landowner is responsible to locate all property lines prior to installation.

- It may be a good idea to have a survey done so you know exactly where your property lines are.
- An alternative method of identifying property lines is to utilize a metal detector to find the corner markers of the property.

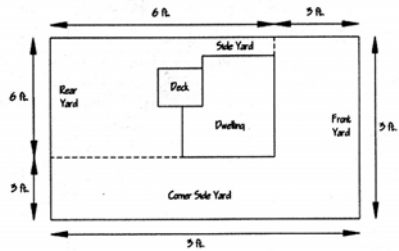
**Q What type of materials can I use to build my fence?**

- All walls & fences must be durable, weather-treated, & kept in a condition so as not to become a private or public nuisance.
- Barbed wire & electric wire fencing may be used only for agricultural purposes, and when necessary for security purposes at correctional & other similar facilities.
- All fence posts & their supporting members must be erected so that their finished sides face the adjacent property or public right-of-way.

**Q How high can I build my fence?**

- No fence may exceed 6 feet in height in residential districts or 8 feet in non-residential districts, or be less than 3 feet in height.
- Any fence extending into a front yard, corner side yard, or within a required sight distance triangle must not exceed 3 feet in height, except as provided below.

- Any fence within a front yard or corner side yard may be increased to a maximum height of 4 feet when open and decorative fencing materials less than 50 percent opaque are used.



**Q** Are there any activities or other uses that require fencing?

**A** Yes; private swimming pools must be entirely enclosed by a wall, fence, or combination of both, at least 4 feet in height. A self-closing gate with a lock must also be provided.

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