

Frequently Asked Questions:

Fence Permits in Kingsford

1. Does my fence project need a permit?

- If you are constructing a new fence or changing the location/height of an existing fence then yes.
- If you are repairing or replacing an existing fence without moving the posts or adding any height then no

2. Where can I build a fence on my property?

- No fence can be built closer than 5 feet to any public right-of-way (ROW). In other words, 20 feet in from the curb on most streets. This can vary depending on overall right-of-way width. Most streets are 30 feet wide with 15 feet on either side for shoulders and sidewalks.
- Fences built within a required front yard must be 4 feet in height or less and must be at least 50% see-through (think wrought iron, picket, or chain-link) This setback is measured from the front property line (usually the inside edge of the sidewalk). Residential zones have a 25-foot front yard setback. The setback schedule can be found in Sec. 44-301
- There are additional restrictions for fences on corner lots. Any fence within 25 feet of an intersection has to be 4 feet or less and see through to preserve clear vision of intersections

3. Can I build a fence directly over the property line I share with my neighbor?

- Yes, as long as the fence permit applicant has a signed statement from their neighbor giving permission.
- Without permission, the city recommends leaving a minimum of 2 feet so the out facing side of the fence can be maintained without trespassing.

4. How tall can my fence be?

- Fences in a required front yard must be 4 feet or less and see through.
- Fences in side and back yards can be up to 6 feet and built for privacy.

Applicable Ordinances:

[Sec 44-371 Fences, walls, and hedges, generally](#)

[Sec 44-301 Schedule limiting height, bulk, density and area...](#)