

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT 300 FIRST STREET WOODLAND, CA 95695 (530) 661-5820 (530) 406-0832 FAX

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## Fence Setback & Permit Requirements

City of Woodland Zoning Code Section - Section 25-21-40-C

## **Building a Fence-Setbacks & Permit**

## Building a fence within the City? Have you met the current setbacks and permit requirements?

**Fence Setback / Permit Requirements:** Before construction begins, all fence designs must be reviewed and approved for their location, size, and type of material. The Planning Division checks these structures for their placement and height requirements. The Building Division checks the structure for conformance to the California Building Code and all State mandated requirements.

When do I need a building permit to construct a fence? If your fence is over six feet (6') in height a building permit is required. Or, if your fence is constructed using material other than wood, such as concrete block, brick, or steel a building permit is required. To obtain a building permit, submit the following fence plan details to the Building Division for a plan check:

- Fence location and side elevation drawings (must be to scale)
- Materials description (concrete block, brick, etc.)
- Engineering is required for block wall fences *over* 6 feet in height.

**Does my fence have to be built with specific material?** No, however if using an alternative building material (concrete block, brick, etc.) to construct a fence, a building permit is required.

**How much does a building permit cost?** For a fence 6 to 8 feet in height the permit fee is \$134 for the first 100 linear feet and \$27 for each additional 100 linear feet. There is also a \$58 permit issuance fee and a \$1 fee for the California Green Code implementation.

**How tall can my fence be?** The maximum height for a *front yard* fence is three feet six inches (3'-6") or forty-two inches (42") and for the *rear or side* yard fence the maximum height is eight feet (8'). A building permit is required for fences over six feet (6').

For a corner lot, what is the required setback for a side yard fence greater than 3'-6"? Fences greater than 3'-6" in height up to 8 feet (8') shall have a 5 foot (5') setback street side property line. Fences 3'-6" in height or less may be located within the 5 foot (5') setback.

Can I rebuild a fence that does not meet current standards (i.e., setback, height) if I rebuild it the way it was? No, fences being rebuilt are required to meet all current requirements. However, in some cases where the fence was built before 1949, the fence may be allowed to be rebuilt. Please contact the Planning Division for specifics.



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