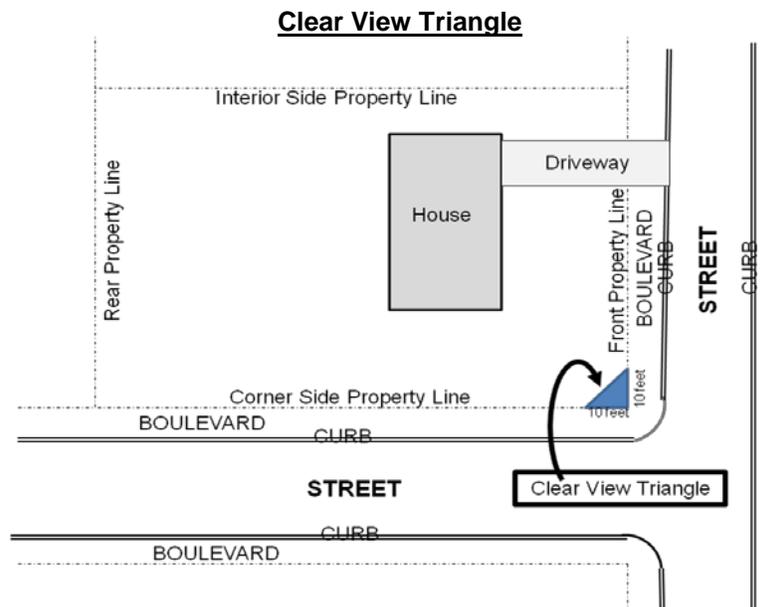


- Fence, as defined by ordinance, is any partition, structure, wall, or gate erected as a dividing marker, barrier, or enclosure and located within a boundary or within the required yard.
- Fences are allowed in any required yard or along any property line. The entire fence structure and supporting footings must be within the property boundaries. The owner of a fence is responsible for verifying the location of their property lines.
- Fence height is limited to a maximum of six feet along rear or side property boundary lines and four feet in the front yard. If the fence is within 15 feet from the front property line, then the fence must be less than 30 inches in height and not less than 50 percent transparent. Fences for agricultural uses must not be greater than six feet above grade level and may be located along all property boundary lines.
- A fence cannot obstruct the safe view from any driveway or street. On corner lots, no structure or planting in excess of 30 inches above the curb line or less than ten feet above the curb line is permitted within the clear view triangle. A clear view triangle is described as that area that begins at the intersection of the front or rear property line and corner side property line and is measured back 10 feet along both property lines. Those points are then connected with a straight line.



- Fences are allowed in drainage and utility easements, but repair or replacement is the responsibility of the homeowner should construction activity be required within the easement.
- Fences must be setback a minimum of one foot from a public walkway.

- Fencing construction material types are not currently regulated by the City, but it is required that all fencing be kept structurally sound and maintained in good condition.
- The finished side of a fence must face abutting property or public right-of-way. No fence can have boards, planks, or panels larger than one foot in width.
- All chain link fences must have a top rail, barbed ends must be placed at the bottom of the fence, and vertical posts must be spaced at intervals not to exceed ten feet.
- Barbed wire and electrical fences are allowed for parcels that are five or more acres in area and used to fence livestock. Razor wire fences are prohibited in all districts.
- Fences are required around swimming pools having a depth greater than 18 inches. The minimum required height is 4 feet. Any gates must be self-closing/latching and capable of being locked.
- A building permit is not required for the installation of fences. However, you must call Gopher State One Call at 651-454-0002 **before you dig** to identify any underground utility locations.
- Wall fences are considered an accessory structure and do require a building permit. They are not allowed in the front yard and must setback a minimum of six feet from an interior side property line and ten feet from a rear lot line.
- The above information is excerpted from Cottage Grove City Code Titles 11-3-4, 11-3-5, 11-6-7, and 9-11-4. Other criteria may apply where development restrictions and private covenants prevail.