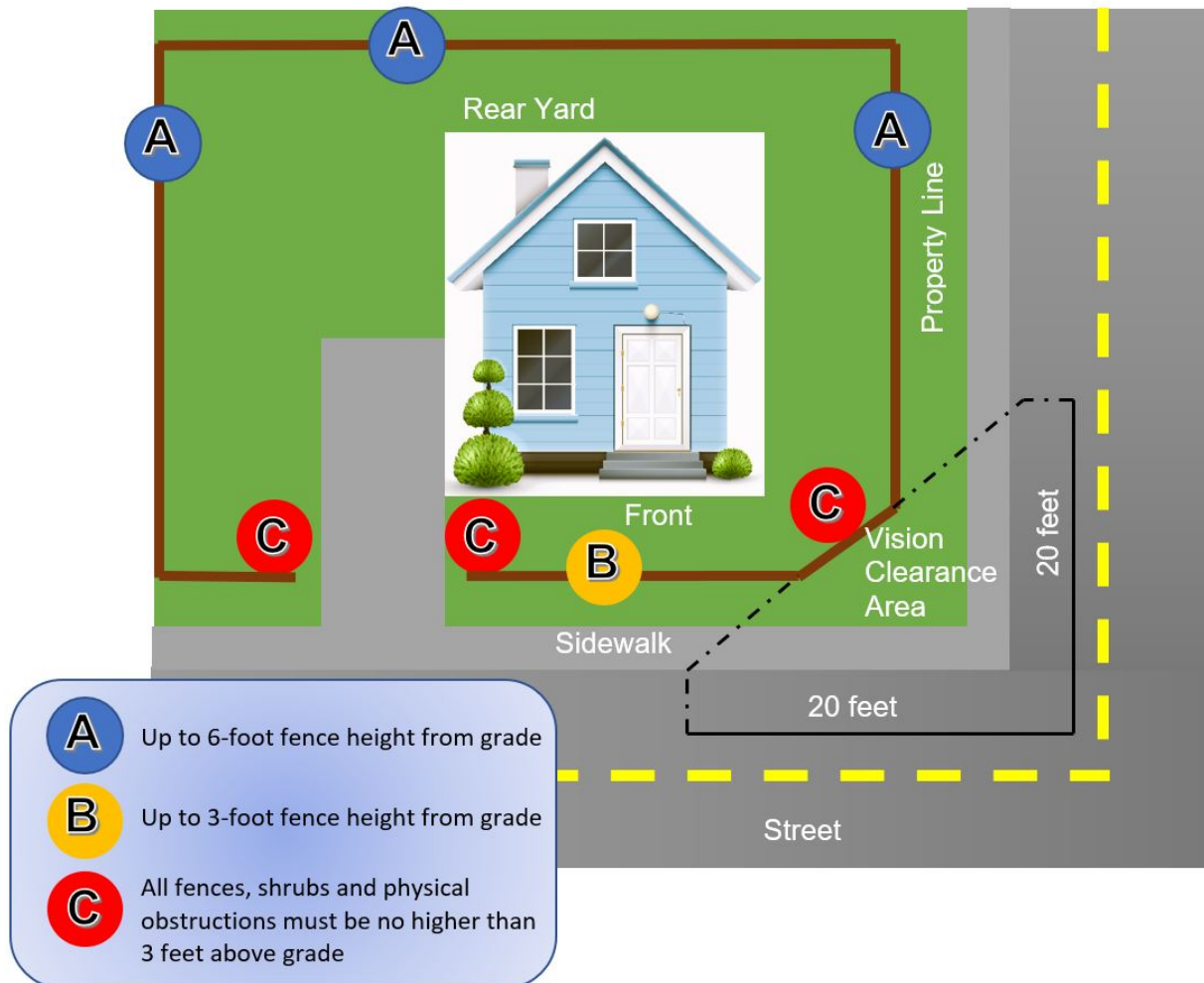


## Where Can I Build a Fence?



### The Height of Your Fence Depends on Where It Is

Fences may be constructed anywhere on a lot and along the property lines.

Fences height is limited based on where they are located on your lot. Fences outside of the front yard setback and away from road intersections can be up to 6 feet in height above the existing grade.

For All Lots: Fences that are inside the front yard setback can be no higher than 36 inches above existing grade except for open rail fences which may be 48 inches above existing grade. (See Gig Harbor Municipal Code GHMC [17.99.340](#))

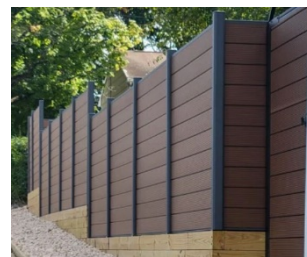
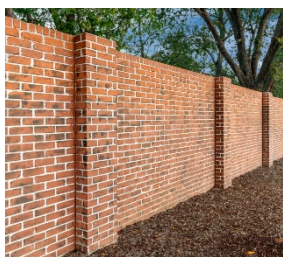
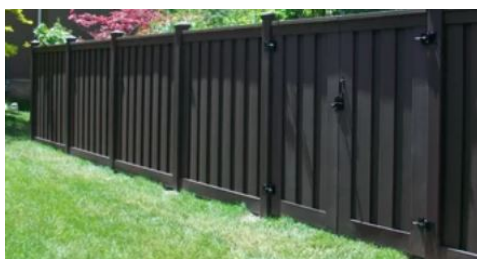
For Corner Lots: The vision clearance area is the area on a corner lot adjacent to a roadway intersection. This triangle is measured from the corner of the lot next to where the streets intersect and extends 20 feet along your property line in either direction. Within this triangle, all

fences, shrubs, and other physical obstructions are limited to 36 inches high above existing grade.

These setbacks and the vision clearance area are for safety purposes and meant to allow drivers to see oncoming traffic and pedestrians at intersections and coming out of driveways.

## Materials

Fencing materials can be the following or a combination of the following: wood, wrought iron, brick, stone, or concrete block. If using concrete block, the fence must have a veneer finish on the side visible to the public's view. Other materials may be approved by the Planning Director if the material has visual quality. Plywood or composite board cannot be used as fencing materials.



In commercial areas or recreation centers in residential areas, dark-toned vinyl-coated chain link attached to wood posts and rails is permitted. Standard chain link fencing including steel posts and rails are only permitted in areas outside of designated activity centers. Standard chain link fencing may not be visible from any city right of way, waterway, or designated public spaces.

**Notes:** Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Zone: \_\_\_\_\_ Is vision clearance area required? \_\_\_\_\_

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