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Residential Fences

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Do I need a permit to build a fence?

Not if your fence is 6 feet high or less. If your fence exceeds 6 feet in height, please come in and visit our public assistance counter to discuss additional permitting requirements.

How close to the property line can I place my fence?

If your fence is 6 feet high or less, you may place your fence right on the property line, if you wish. If your fence is over 6 feet in height, it must meet all zoning code requirements for setbacks.

How do I measure my fence height?

The height is measured from its top surface, board, rail or wire to the ground. Where a fence is built on top of a retaining wall, fence height must be measured on the up-hill side. Up to three strands of wire are allowed on top of fences 6 feet or less in height.

Are the regulations any different for a corner lot?

Yes. All corner lots must maintain, for safety (vision) purposes, a triangular area free of trees, fences, shrubs and other physical obstructions higher than 42 inches above the established street grade. (When the sides forming the street corner angle measure 40 feet or less, no fences or freestanding walls more than 4 feet in height are permitted within the area comprising the triangle.) See the illustration on the following page.

This assistance bulletin is intended to provide general information and guidance, and should not be considered all inclusive.

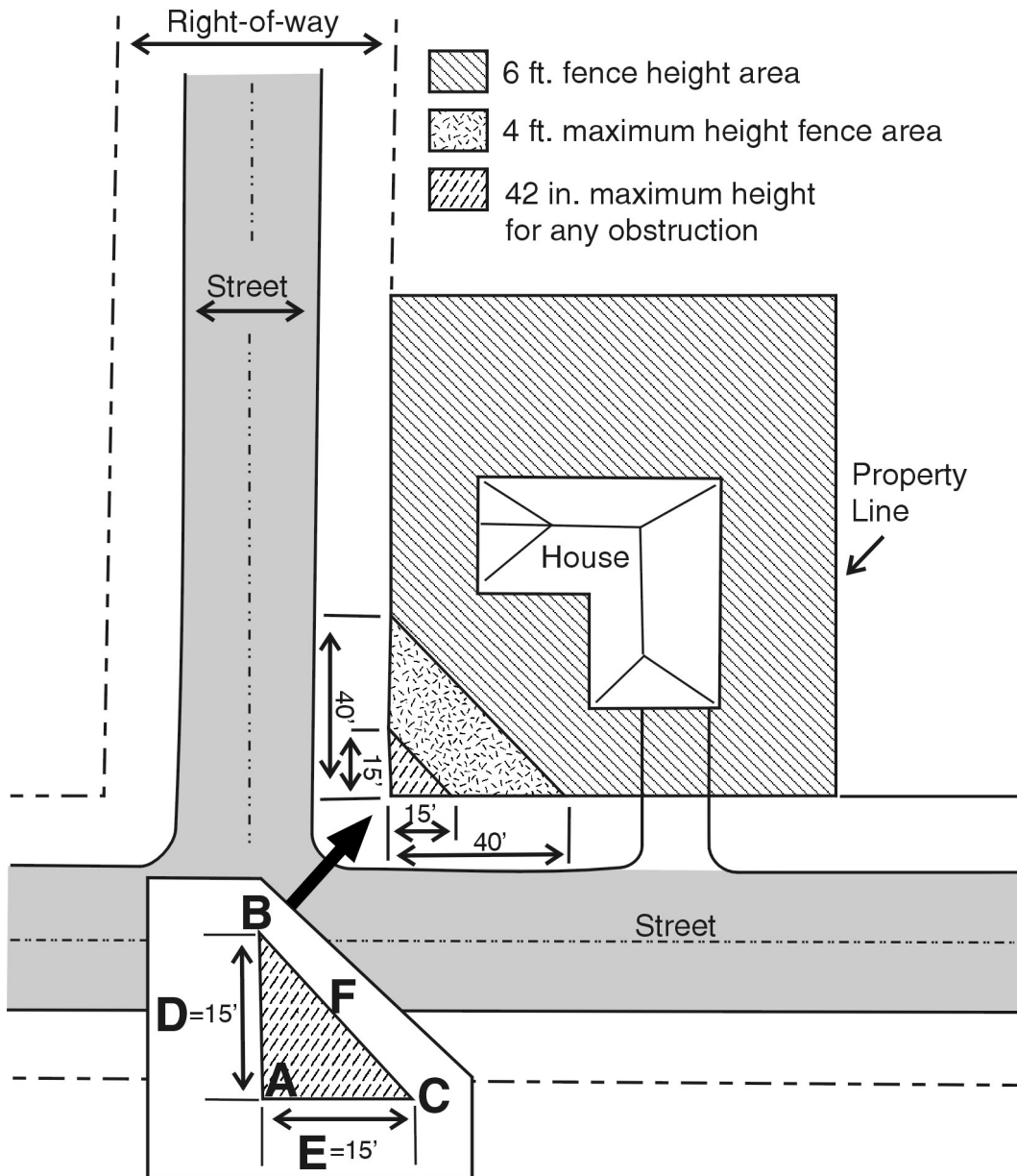
How do I measure the “triangle?”

You can follow these easy steps:

- One angle of the triangle (Point A in the diagram) is formed by the intersection of the front and side lot lines (Lines D and E).
- From that point, measure 15 feet straight out from the corner along each of the two lines. These are Points B and C.
- To calculate the 4-foot maximum-height fence area, extend Points B and C out 40 feet from Point A long Lines D and E.

What if my fence is going to be built as part of a commercial or public facility?

Open wire mesh or similar type fence may be erected higher than the maximum heights permitted around playgrounds at private schools and parks, public facilities, industrial and commercial uses, transmitter and transformer sites, or government installations where security or public safety are required. (See Snohomish county code for information on non-residential fences.)



Specific regulations governing land use and development are contained within Snohomish County Code Title 30. You can view these regulations by going to: WWW.Snoco.org And click on County Code

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Please review the land use and development regulations contained within Snohomish County Code Title 30 in their entirety prior to making any decisions regarding purchase, use and/or development of your property.

While Planning & Development Services staff are here to provide you with general guidance and information related to land use and development, we cannot provide you with specifics regarding design and use potential for your property. Please consult a land use professional to assist you with that.