

Ordinance Language*
(Section 2.3)

A. Fences in residential districts shall not exceed six (6) feet in height, measured from the surface to the uppermost portion of the fence.

B. Fences erected within the front yard in any district shall not exceed three (3) feet in height. Fences within the front yard shall be of a type which is not more than twenty-five (25) percent solid, so as not to obscure vision at the right-of-way or property line of the lot or parcel on which it is placed.

C. Fences in residential districts or enclosing residential uses shall not contain barbed wire or be electrified.

D. Fences shall not be erected within any public right-of-way in any district.

E. Fences shall not be erected or maintained in any district in such a way as to obstruct the vision of vehicle drivers within the triangular area formed by the intersection of the street right-of-way lines and a line connecting two points located on those intersecting right-of-way lines twenty-five (25) feet from the point of intersection.

G. Fences shall not be erected within two (2) feet from the sidewalk, where the sidewalk is within the public right-of-way.

H. Fences constructed of wood or other material having one (1) side designed and considered the decorative side shall be erected with that side facing the adjoining street or abutting property owner's premises. All fences located along a property line shall have exposed posts and/or bracing of the fence located so as to face the interior of the property.

***Because Zoning Ordinances are subject to amendments which can change standards and regulations, please speak with the Zoning Administrator for the most up-to-date zoning language.**

Any further questions can be directed to:

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Fences In Residential Zones



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Height & Placement

- ✓ You need a zoning permit in order to erect a fence.
- ✓ Fences may be placed on the property line. However, make sure to determine exactly where the property line is located in order to avoid conflicts with neighbors. The City knows the dimensions of all lots, but not precisely where the lot lines are located. Lot lines must be located by a surveyor.
- ✓ Fences must be out of the road right-of-way. Fences may not be erected within two (2) feet from a sidewalk.
- ✓ No electric or barbed wire fences are allowed within the City of Belding.
- ✓ In front of the 'front building line', fencing cannot be higher than 3 feet and should not be more than 25% solid (such as a picket or chain link fence).
- ✓ Fencing located behind the 'front building line' cannot be higher than 6 feet.

Corner Lots

- ✓ Fences may not block the "triangle of vision" at alleys, driveways or corners, 25 feet back from property lines. Fences within the front yard can't be more than 25% solid, such as a picket or chain link fence. This is required for public safety so as not to obscure vision at the street or property line of the lot on which it is placed.

Residential Lots:

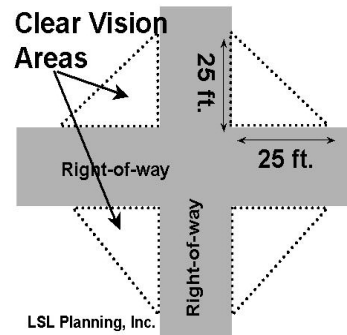
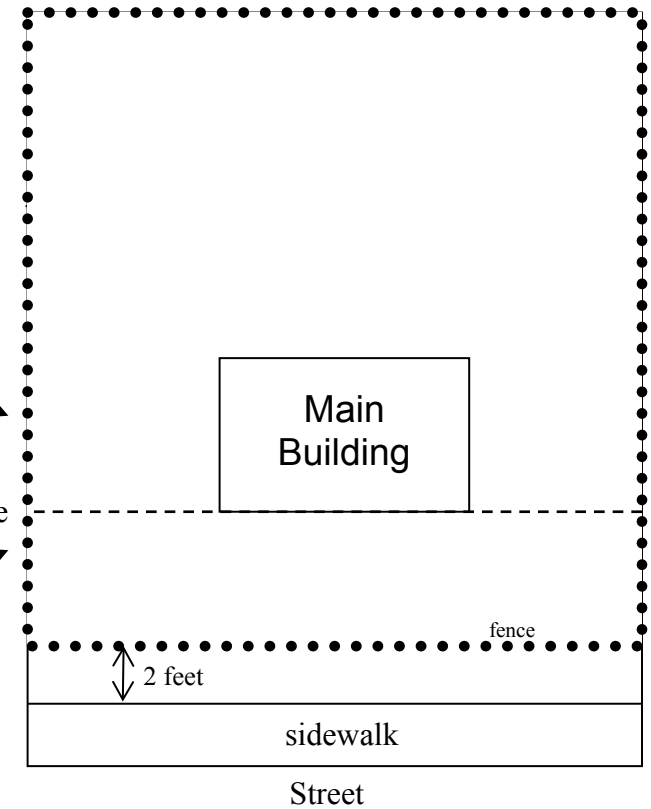
Behind Front Building Line:

Fences can't be higher than 6 feet, but may be stockade. No barbed wire or electrified fences are permitted. Corner lots* are considered to have two 'front' building lines.

Front Building Line

In Front of Front Building Line:

Fencing should not be more than 25% solid and can't be higher than 3 feet. Fences need to be located at least two (2) feet from sidewalks within the public right-of-way.



*Corner Lots:

