

Fence FAQs

Is a permit required to put up a fence? No, but fences must be constructed in accordance with the Town Zoning Ordinance.

Can I put a fence on the right-of-way? Fences must be at least 3' from the right-of-way if there is no sidewalk. Fences may be adjacent to a sidewalk.

Can I put a fence on my property line? Doing so gives the adjacent property owner the right to use your fence. We recommend keeping the fence 3' off the property line to avoid potential property line disputes.

What fence materials are allowed? In residential districts most fencing materials are permitted; such as, chain link, wood, and vinyl.



Are there height restrictions for fences? There are height restrictions for privacy fences (please refer to the inside of this brochure).



What is a privacy fence? A fence constructed out of materials that cannot easily be seen through (opaque).

Would I follow these guidelines to put up a wall? Yes, the only additional requirement would be getting approval of the masonry material you plan on using to construct your wall from the Zoning Administrator.

More Questions?

Contact the Planning & Zoning Department.

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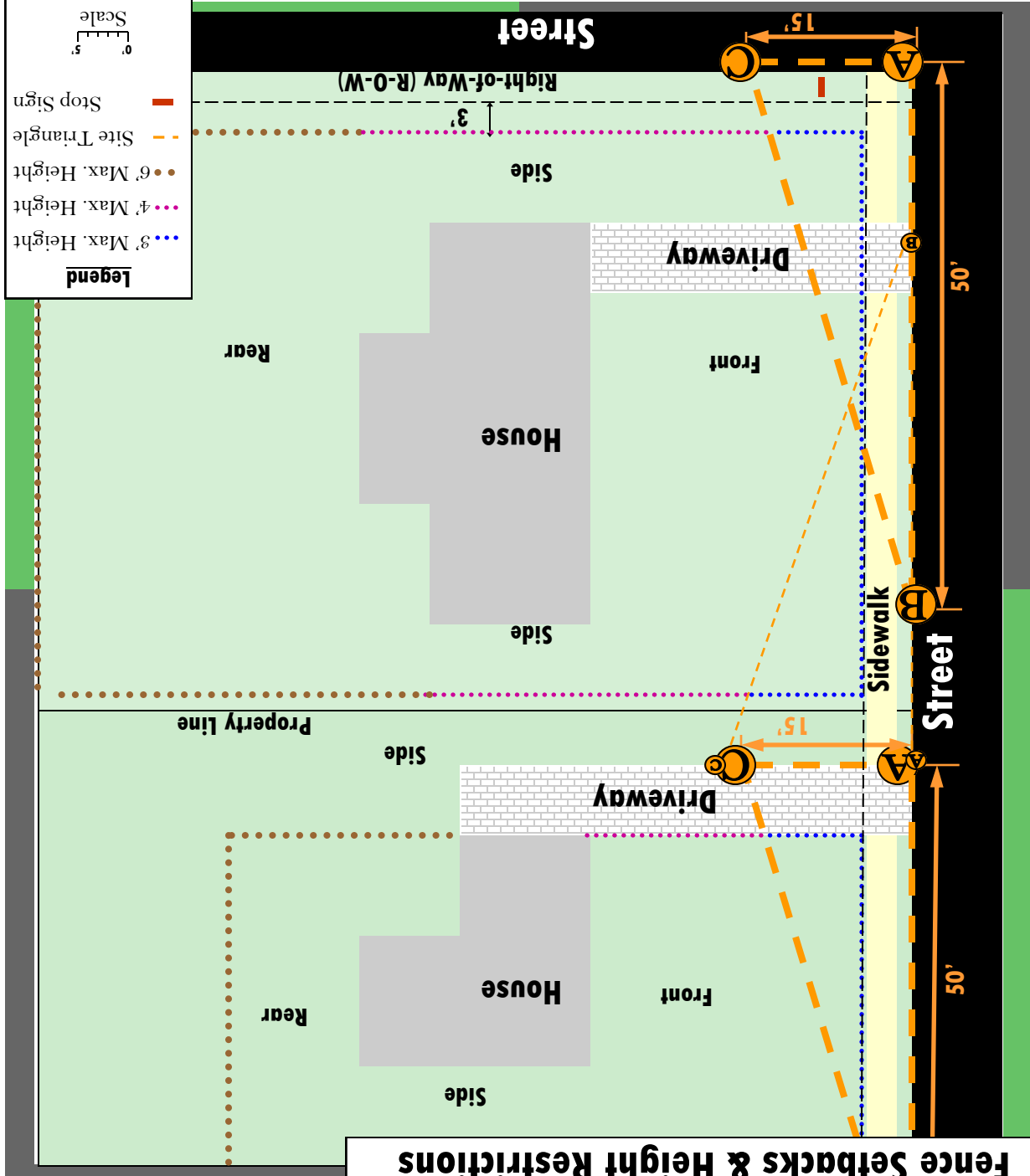
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A Guide to Fences



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Fence Setbacks & Height Restrictions



Sight Triangle: The area of the site triangle is derived by locating point "A" at the intersection of roadways (or driveways), "A" is the point at the back of the roadway curbing; if no curbing, then the pavement edge of the roadway intersects. Then locating point "B" by measuring 50' along the intersection street edge of the through street and point "C" by measuring 15' outward from the through street along the intersecting street edge. The site triangle shall be completed by connecting lines between these three points.

Front & Side Yard: Fence cannot exceed 3' in height within the site triangle. Fence must be at least 3' off the right-of-way if there is no sidewalk. Remaining side and front yard fence cannot exceed 4' in height.

Rear Yard: Fence cannot exceed 6' in height.

Measuring Height: Fence must be built street level. For example: the fence may not be placed on top of raised landscaping OR the raised landscaping must account for part of the total height of the fence.