

Town of Jamestown Land Development Ordinance
Fences and Walls

2.13-2 Fences and Walls.

- (A) A zoning permit issued by the Planning Director shall be required for all fences and walls. The process for obtaining a zoning permit is set forth in Article 7.5 of this Ordinance.

- (B) Location
 - (1) Fences shall not be erected over easements such as, but not limited to, access easements, utility easements, drainage easements, or any other public easement, without the explicit approval of the Public Services and Planning Departments. If fences or other barriers are allowed to cross such easements, the Public Services Director may require the installer or landowner to install gates or other access points per standards and specifications set by the Public Services Director to ensure access to such easements in the future as necessary and to minimize damage to private property.
 - (2) It is advised to construct the fence at least six (6) inches inside the property line to avoid any civil disputes with abutting property owner(s).
 - (3) If there is a Homeowner's Association that regulates the property, those regulations should be observed as well. The Planning Department does NOT enforce such regulations but the owner is advised to adhere to the regulations, if they exist.

- (C) Height
 - (1) Established front yard, side yard, and rear yard abutting a street: Minimum of 2' maximum of 5'. Fences shall not exceed 5' in height in front of a line parallel to the front of the principal structure on the lot.
 - (2) Rear or Side yard that does not abut a street: Fence may not exceed 8' in height.
 - (3) Corner Lot: Fence may not exceed 5' in height in established backyard abutting street unless placed 15 or more feet inside the property boundary.
 - (4) Decorative caps or spires that extend above the highest horizontal member of the fence shall not be included in the measurement of height.
 - (5) To maintain an even fence line, a fence or freestanding wall erected on uneven ground may increase the height limit by not more than one foot at any point of depression.

- (D) Materials
 - (1) Permitted: Masonry wall, solid wood fence, decorative wood fence, vinyl fence.
 - a. Permitted in Side or Rear yard only: Chain link-type fences coated with a vinyl coating in the colors of black, brown, or green.

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- (6) Permitted with conditions: Galvanized chain link, welded wire, or similar fencing materials, if used, shall be placed on the interior side of a masonry wall, solid wood fence, or decorative wood or vinyl fence that is equal to or greater in height than the chain link or welded wire fencing and demonstrates effective screening capability. (For example, the photograph to the right demonstrates a 4' high welded wire fence attached to the interior of a decorative split rail fence of equal height or greater that would perform to the standards of this section).



- (7) Prohibited: Galvanized chain link (non-coated), welded wire, or similar fencing materials. Chain link fencing with woven slats of opaque material or other treatments intended to simulate an opaque fence shall not be permitted.
- (8) Commercial District: Fences of chain link or similar material are permitted in the first 15 feet of an established yard abutting a street or alley only if placed on the interior side of a masonry wall or solid wood fence and planted with a semi-opaque vegetative screen between wall or fence and street or alley. Beyond the first 15 feet abutting a street or alley, such materials may be used if screened on the exterior side by evergreen shrubs planted no farther apart than 6 feet on center, minimum height 2½ feet at installation, or if obscured from view by other screening method(s) which perform at the same or a higher level and are approved by the Planning Department. In a commercial or industrial district where the side or rear yard abuts a residential or mixed-use district, chain link, welded wire, or similar fencing materials, if used, shall be placed on the interior side of a masonry wall, solid wood fence, or decorative wood fence that is equal to or greater in height than the secure fencing and demonstrates effective screening capability. Additionally, a semi-opaque vegetative screen shall be required on the exterior side of the fence.
- (9) Maintenance of existing non-conforming materials: Existing non-conforming fence materials may be repaired and maintained with the same or similar material.