City of Sonoma
Planning and Community
Development
No. 1, The Plaza
Sonoma, CA 95476

Fences, hedges, and walls (except retaining walls) may be constructed to the heights shown below:

Maximum Height of Fences, Hedges and Walls

| Location | Maximum Height |
| :--- | :--- |
| Rear and interior setbacks | 7 feet ${ }^{1}$ |
| Front and street-side setbacks ${ }^{2}$ | 3.5 feet |
| At intersections of streets, alleys, and driveways <br> within traffic safety sight areas | 30 inches if solid; otherwise the maximum height normally <br> allowed, if the fence material is 75\% open (e.g., lattice). |
| Notes: <br> 1. An additional one foot of height is allowed (to a maximum of eight feet tall), but all fencing material above <br> seven feet in height shall be open grill or latticework, or a similar open design allowing light and air to pass <br> through at least 40 percent of the fencing material. <br> 2. Unless additional height is granted through a conditional use permit (SMC 19.54.040) |  |

A setback is defined as the distance by which a structure, parking area or other development feature must be separated from a lot line, other structure or development feature, or street centerline. Setbacks for fences are typically measured from the property line; however, setbacks from private streets are measured from the edge of the easement. The figure below shows the location of front, side, street side, rear, and interior setbacks:



Setbacks

Properties located on corner lots as shown in the figure above have both a front and street-side setback. The fence height regulations for corner lot properties require a lower fence height ( 3.5 feet) along the two street frontages unless additional height is granted through a conditional use permit.

Setback standards may very depending on how a property is zoned. Please check with the Planning Department to determine the front and street-side setbacks appropriate for your property.

