

# City of Jefferson Fencing Standards

Section 300-6.40 in the Municipal Code (<https://ecode360.com/37669974#37669974>) regulates fencing within the City. Fencing requires a building permit, must be approved by the Building/Zoning Inspector, and is subject to the following requirements. Fence plans should include the proposed location, height, and material of the fence and can be submitted to Claire Scholten at [claire@jeffersonwis.com](mailto:claire@jeffersonwis.com).

## Materials



Fencing within the City is **required** to be comprised of one of the following materials: resistant or treated wood, brick or masonry, natural stone, wrought iron, vinyl, galvanized and/or coated chain link.

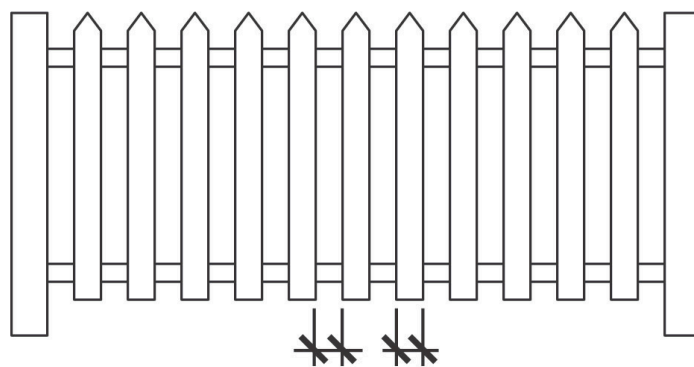
It shall **not** be constructed from rope, string, wire products, netting, glass, paper, metal panels, plywood, pallets, fiberglass or plastic panels.

## Design



Except for fencing used for required screening, **fencing in the front yard must be at least 50% opaque**, meaning that the opening must be at least as wide as the pickets they're between.

All new fences must be architecturally compatible with the design and materials of the principal building as much as possible.



**50% Max. Opacity**  
**Opening must be at least as wide as picket**

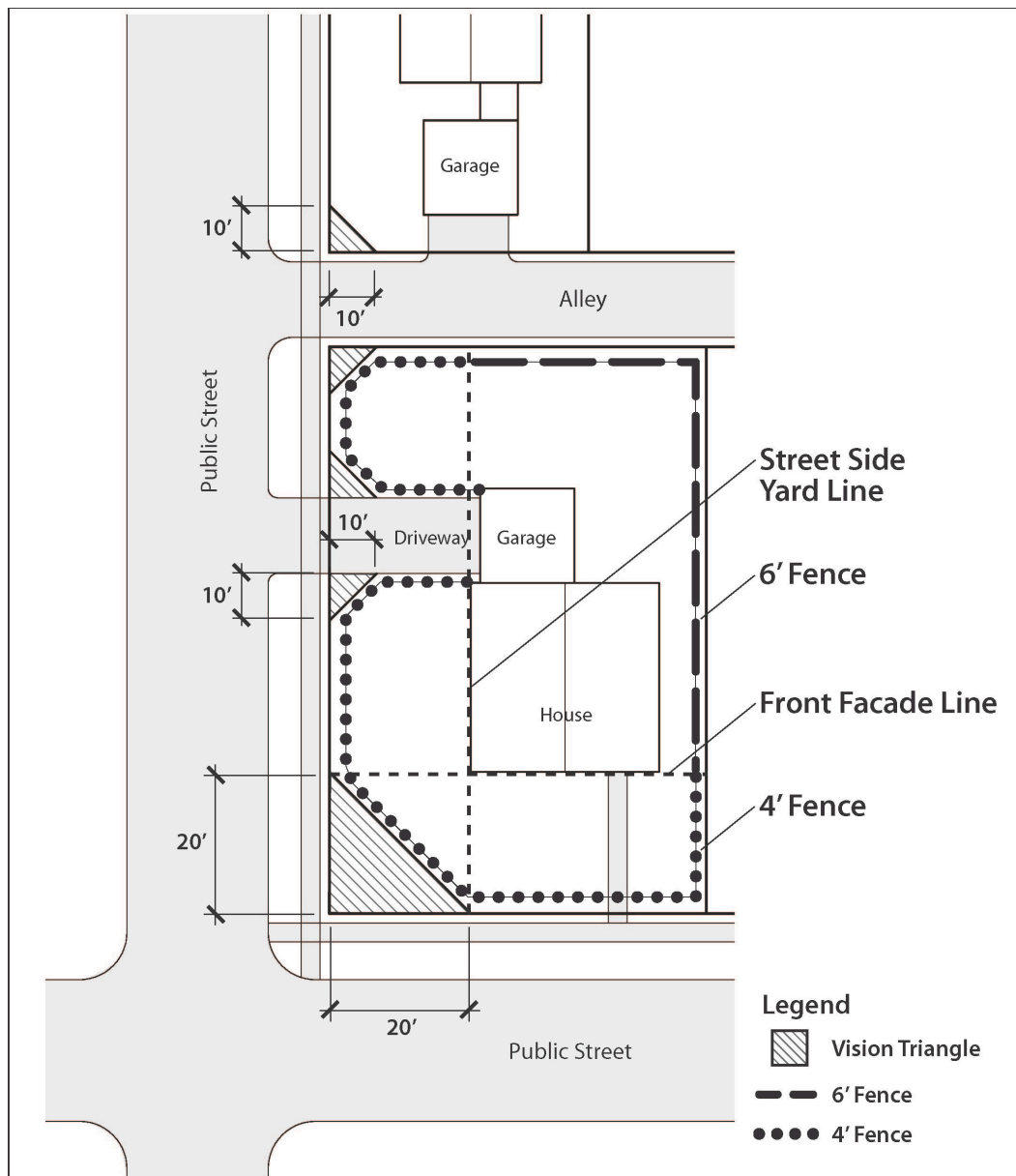
## Location, Orientation, and Maintenance

Fences may be located within or on any property line, as long as they meet the maximum height requirements listed in the table below.



The side of the fence showing its supports and structural components must face inward towards the principal building.

Any and all fences, landscape walls, or decorative posts shall be maintained in a structurally sound and attractive manner.



## Height Maximum Table

Find your zoning district here: <https://ecode360.com/attachment/JE2120/JE2120-300c%20Zoning%20Map.pdf>

| <b><u>Zoning District</u></b>  | <b><u>Located in Front or Street-Side Yard</u></b> | <b><u>Located in Side or Rear Yard</u></b>   |
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| <b>SR-2, SR-3, SR-5, SR-7, SR-10, MH-7, DR-8, TR-10, MRL-8, MRM-12, I, NMU</b> | 4-foot height maximum.                             | 6-foot height maximum. May not be in front yard or extend past front facade.   |
| <b>RH-35, SMU, UMU, DHMU, BP</b>   | 4-foot height maximum.                             | 6-foot height maximum. May not be in front yard or extend past front facade.   |
| <b>LI, MI, HI, IOS, IOC, AO, FG, EX</b>  | 4-foot height maximum.                             | 6-foot height maximum, unless storage is taller, which then increases to 8-foot max. May not be in front yard or extend past front facade. |

## Height Exceptions

1. Decorative posts may extend eight inches above the maximum height of a fence. Minimum of 24 inches of spacing between each decorative post.
2. Berms with slopes less than or equal to a minimum 3 ft horizontal to 1 ft vertical do not count towards maximum fence height.

## Yards and Fence Heights for a Typical Single Family Lot

Corner Lot  
Example



— = 4 foot fence (Front and Street-Side Yards) — = 6 foot fence (Rear & Side Yards)

Mid-Block Lot  
Example

