

Section 4.8 Article 4 - Zoning

VILLAGE of LAWTON FENCE PERMIT

Permit No	Date:
Owner Name:	Phone:
Address:	Property Tax No:
	Email:
Zoning District:	/pe of Fence:

NOTES:

- 1. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant/property owner to identify the property line(s) and assume responsibility for the accuracy of that identification.
- 2. The finished side of any fence shall face the neighboring property, not the applicants.
- 3. See all fence regulations listed with this form.
- 4. A Lot Diagram of fence on lot is required. Indicate height of fence and any changes on diagram.

Contractor Info: Phone No:

Address: _____

Property Owner's Affidavit:

I hereby certify that the work described above shall be installed in accordance with the local zoning code and will be inspected and approved by the Village. I will cooperate with the Inspector and assume the responsibility to arrange for necessary and timely inspections.

Signed:_____Date:_____

Contractor's Affidavit/ Authorized Agent

I hereby certify that the proposed works is authorized by the owner of record and I havebeen authorized by the owner to make this application as his authorized agent.

Signed:	Date:
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LAWTON ZONING ORDINANCE – FENCE REGULATION EXCERPT

2.1.85 FENCE: FENCE, WALL, HEDGES, AND PRIVACY SCREEN REGULATIONS

a. Fence shall mean a structure erected for the purpose of separating properties or protecting or screening property within its perimeter. Chain link fences shall fall under this definition. Fences, including chain link, for the containment of pets shall conform to the accessory structure requirements of this Ordinance.

b. Ornamental fence shall mean a fence designed in such a manner and of such material so as to decorate or enhance the appearance of the front, side or rear setback in residential areas in addition to separating properties or protecting properties. Chain link, mesh, woven, or welded wire fences are excluded under this definition. Ornamental fences shall also include hedges.

4.7 OBSTRUCTIONS TO VISION ON CORNER LOTS No structure, wall, fence, shrubbery, parked vehicle, stored material, or trees shall be placed, erected, planted or maintained on any lot which will obstruct the view of the driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection; excepting that shrubbery and low retaining walls not exceeding three (3) feet in height above the curb level and trees where all branches are not less than eight (8) feet above the street level will be permitted. In the case of corner lots, this shall also mean that there shall be provided an unobstructed triangular area formed by the street property lines and a line connecting them at points twenty-five (25) feet from the intersection of the pavement edge lines, or in the case of a rounded corner, from the intersection of the street property lines extended.

4.8 FENCE, WALL AND PRIVACY SCREEN REGULATIONS Fences, walls and privacy screens are permitted subject to the following:

4.8.1 The erection, construction or alteration of any fence, wall or privacy screen as defined herein, shall be constructed to meet all relevant codes

4.8.2 Fences shall not be taller than four (4) foot in a required front yard nor higher than six (6) foot in a required side or rear yard for parcels located in all single- and two-family residential districts.

4.8.3 Fences with barbed wire and electrical current are only permitted in the I-1 and I-2 Industrial Districts.

4.8.4 A four (4) foot fence shall surround all below ground swimming pools.

4.8.5 Parcels located in the AG Agricultural District shall be exempt from all fence height and use restrictions except for swimming pools.

4.8.6 Required obscuring walls and fences shall be placed inside and adjacent to the lot line except where underground utilities interfere with the placement of the wall or fence at the property line, in which case the fence or wall shall be placed on the utility easement line nearest the property line.

4.8.7 The height of the fence or the wall shall be measured from the lowest ground level elevation at a distance from five (5) from each side of the wall or fence.

4.8.8 All fences or walls in residentially zoned areas separating properties shall be of either chain link or ornamental type and maintain a completely finished appearance. Only new material or material having the appearance and structural integrity found to be acceptable to the building inspector shall be used. Fences or walls with a more finished appearance on one side, shall face the exterior of the lot.

4.8.9 Fences which enclose school grounds, playgrounds, tennis courts or other public areas may be erected to a height in excess of six (6) feet with the approval of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Residential Fencing Standards

All fences and walls in residential zone districts, or on lots containing residential uses, must meet the following standards.

The erection, construction or alteration of any fence, wall or privacy screen as defined herein, shall be constructed to meet all relevant codes

Placement

- 1. Fences shall be installed entirely within the confines of a residential lot.
- 2. Fences shall be installed so that the more finished side (side with few or no visible structural framing or bracing elements) faces outward from the lot on which it is installed.
- 3. Fences may be placed up to the property line.

Height

- 1. Front yard fences and walls shall not exceed a height of four feet.
- 2. Side and rear yard fences shall not exceed a height of six feet.
- 3. **Corner** lots have two front yards. Fences shall not exceed four feet in height for either front yard.
- 4. A four (4) foot fence shall surround all below ground swimming pools.
- 5. A fence may be located on top of a wall, but the combined height of the fence and wall together shall not exceed the maximum height permitted for a fence or wall by itself

Fence Types and Materials

All fences or walls in residentially zoned areas separating properties shall be of either chain link or ornamental type and maintain a completely finished appearance.

Only new material or material having the appearance and structural integrity found to be acceptable to the building inspector shall be used.

