



## Carlton, Oregon

### Fence Regulations

City ordinances governing fences can be found in Section 17.92.080 of the Carlton Development Code. A building permit is not required for fences six (6) feet in height or less. If you plan to install a fence on a common property line, please make contact with your neighbor for cooperation on the construction of the fence. In some cases it may be necessary to have your property surveyed by a licensed surveyor to positively identify and mark your property lines to avoid dispute. The City of Carlton does not mediate disagreements between owners of private property.

#### Fence Requirements:

(1) **Materials:** Fences and wall shall not be constructed of nor contain any material that could cause bodily harm (e.g. barbed wire, broken glass, spikes, electric fences).

(2) **Height:** Front yard: Fences shall not exceed four (4) feet in height (See Figure 1).

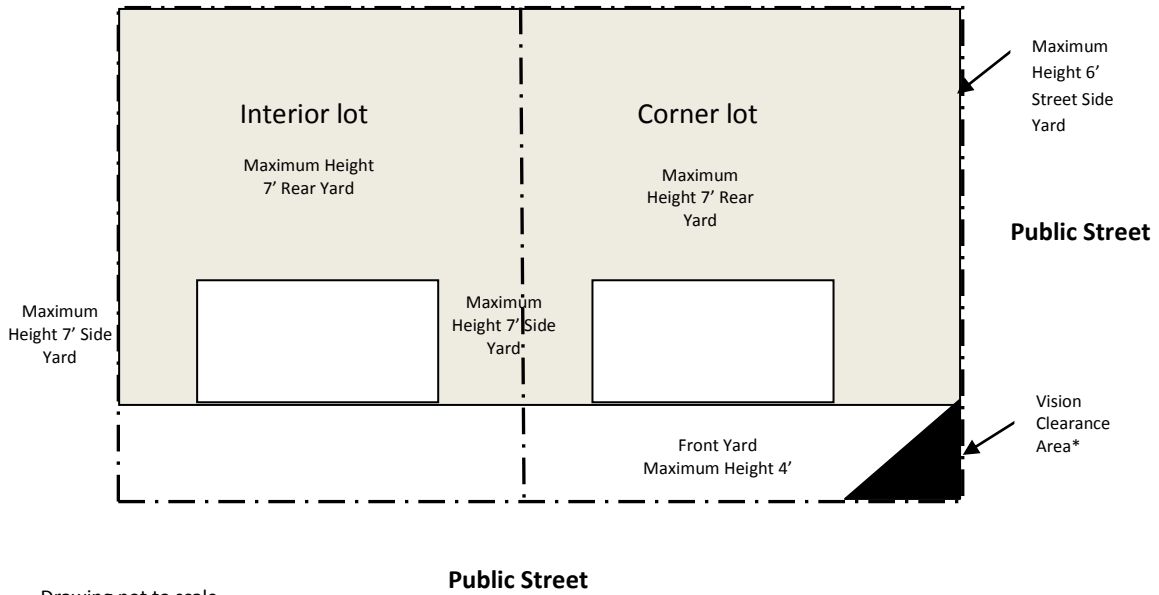
Street (corner) side yard: Fences shall not exceed six (6) feet in height provided they must also comply with clear vision requirements at intersections, which further restrict the height of sight-obscuring fences (see Figure 2).

Interior side and rear yard: Fences shall not exceed seven (7) feet in height.

(3) **Condition:** Fences shall be maintained in a condition of reasonable repair and shall not be allowed to become and remain in a condition of disrepair including noticeable leaning, missing sections, broken supports, non-uniform height, and uncontrolled growth of vegetation.

Note: Property owners are strongly encouraged to hire a licensed surveyor to locate property lines prior to the construction of a fence.

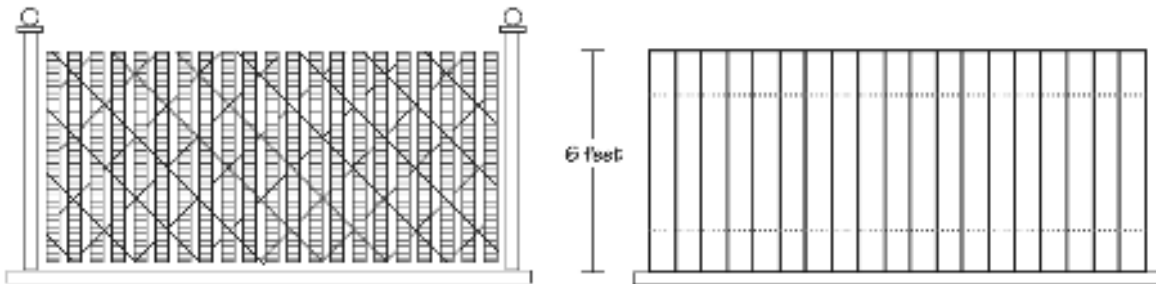
**Figure 1. Residential fence regulations**



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**\*Vision Clearance Area:** A vision clearance area shall contain no planting, sight-obscuring fence, wall, structure, or temporary or permanent obstruction exceeding three (3) feet in height, measured from the ground. The vision clearance area consists of a triangle, with two sides that measure 15 feet along each lot line for street intersections that are controlled by stop signs, and 40 feet for uncontrolled intersections.

**Figure 2. Sight obscuring fence**



A "sight-obscuring fence" means a fence or evergreen planting arranged in such a way as to obstruct vision. The example above at left is partially (approximately 50%) sight obscuring, and the example above at right (e.g., solid wood, vinyl, etc.) is fully sight obscuring.