



Town of East Hartford
Department of Permits and Inspections
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FENCES AND FREE-STANDING WALLS: RESIDENTIAL ZONES

Height

Front Yard -

Maximum Height: Up to four feet (4')

Setback: None

Additional Requirements:

- No wall, fence, structure, planting, or other obstruction to vision shall be erected, placed, planted, or maintained on any lot to unreasonably or dangerously obstruct or interfere with visibility of drivers of vehicles on a curve or at any street intersection. This provision shall not apply to necessary retaining walls and tree trunks, poles and fences that do not obstruct visibility.
- No wall, fence, structure, planting or other obstruction to vision more than two-and-a-half feet (2.5') in height above the street grade shall be erected, placed, planted, or maintained within the triangular area formed by the intersecting street lines and a straight line connecting points on said street lines, each of which points is twenty-five (25) feet distant from the actual or theoretical point of intersection.

Side Yard / Rear Yard -

Maximum Height: Up to seven feet (7') high fence or free-standing wall or combination thereof

Setback: None

Materials

Allowed: wood, wood composite, metal or plastic coated chain link, polyvinyl chloride or similar hard plastic compound material or such other material approved by the Code Official.

Prohibited: tarp, canvas, fabrics or similar material.

Requirements: Any slats in between the chain links of a fence shall be of a uniform color pattern and shall be trimmed to grade level and to the top rail of the fence, and shall be maintained in an intact and unbroken condition.

FENCES AND FREE-STANDING WALLS: BUSINESS / INDUSTRIAL ZONES

Permit: Planning and Zoning Site Plan Approval / Building Permit

Height: Cannot exceed seven feet (7') in height above grade at any point (post, rail, or panel) in a Business Zone or an Industrial Zone unless it complies with the yard setbacks for a principal building in the zoning district. The Commission may, by Special Exception approval, authorize installation of a fence or freestanding wall taller than otherwise permitted based upon their finding of increased security concerns or other valid reason(s) and any mitigating features proposed by the property owner. Corner visibility provisions in Section 8.5 of these Regulations shall still apply

RETAINING WALLS: ALL ZONES

Permit: Building Permit if above four feet (4') tall, if above six feet (6'), PZC Special Permit is required.

Requirements: Must be set back at least the height of the retaining wall from: 1) A property line. 2) Any generally parallel retaining wall on the same property. A protective fence or rail shall be provided along the top of any retaining wall when so required by the Building Code.