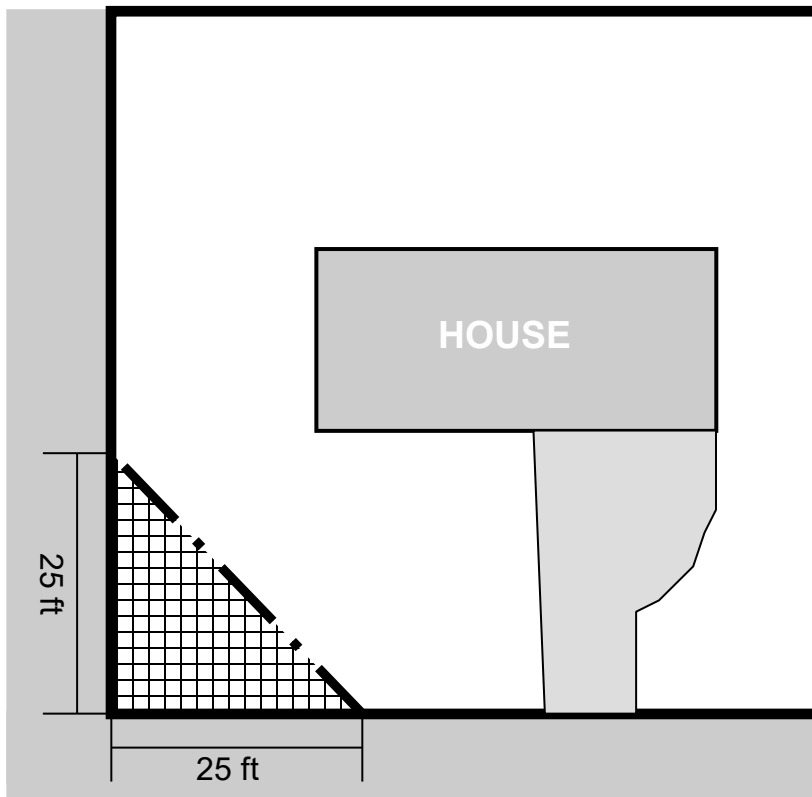




Fence Rules

This handout summarizes requirements for fence construction on single-family residential properties. It is not all inclusive. Please contact a planner at 952-939-8290 with specific questions regarding your project.

- **Permit:** A building permit is required for any fence over 7 feet in height.
- **Location standards:** Fences must be located on private property. It is the property owner's responsibility to determine where the property lines are and to comply with the following:
 - **Easements:** Many residential properties contain easements, either public or private. No fences are allowed in easements containing public utilities or improvements. Fences in easements without such improvements are generally placed there at the property owner's own risk. Specific questions about easements or utilities should be directed to the city's engineering department at 952-939-8206.
 - **Setbacks:** There is no minimum setback for fences from property lines. However, fences must maintain minimum setbacks from natural features, including: ordinary high water level of lakes and creeks, 100-year storm and floodplain elevations and the delineated edge of wetlands. If a property includes such features, please contact a planner regarding your project.



- **Location on a "Corner Lot:** No fence over 2.5 feet in height may be located within 25 feet of a paved intersection.
- **Fence Orientation:** Fencing materials may be placed on either side of the support post. There is no "right-side/wrong-side" rule.
- **Pools and Spas:** A non-surmountable fence, 5-feet in height is required around all residential pools and spas. Specific questions regarding this regulation should be directed to the Environmental Health Division at 952-939-8200.