Fence Permit Guidelines

CITY OF GRIMES
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

A fence is an enclosure or barrier constructed of wood and/or other material(s) used to delineate boundary, provide screening or prevent access to or from the area enclosed.

A permit is required from the City of Grimes for all fences.

The price of a fence permit is $15.

City of Grimes

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1. The fence must be constructed such that the finished side of the fence is facing the street or adjacent yard.

2. A fence constructed on side yards adjacent to street frontage may be constructed no closer than 10 feet from the side yard property line.

3. Fence construction on side yards that are not adjacent to street frontage may be constructed on the side yard property line.

4. No fence may be constructed in a front yard.

5. Fence construction in rear yards on double or triple frontage lots may be constructed no closer than 10 feet from the rear yard property line.

6. Fence construction in rear yards on all lots other than double or triple frontage lots may be constructed on the rear yard property line.

7. Fences that border trails or sidewalks must be constructed with a minimum setback of 10 feet. Fences that border trails or sidewalks that run in-between two properties must be constructed with a minimum setback of 3 feet.

8. Fences may not be installed anywhere within a 40 foot vision triangle.

9. No fence shall be added to an existing site plan without submitting a revised site plan showing the new fence has been approved per Grimes Code of Ordinances.

10. Fences in residential districts shall not exceed 6 feet tall. Fences in commercial or industrial districts shall not exceed 8 feet tall with the exception of secondary front yards and double and triple fronted yards.

11. Fences proposed within City easements will require City Council approval and an additional $50 fee. All fences proposed within easements are subject to review.

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STREET

Sidewalk

Allowed

Allowed

Not allowed

House

House

House

10' setback req'd

Red lines represent proposed fence location

Dashed line -------- represents property lines.

STREET

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Sidewalk

Front Yard

Front yard

House

House

Dashed lines -------- represent property lines.

10' setback req'd

Rear yards with Street Frontage

10' setback req'd

10' setback req'd

STREET

Red lines indicate the maximum allowed area a fence can be placed on DOUBLE FRONTAGE lots.