

# FENCING REGULATIONS

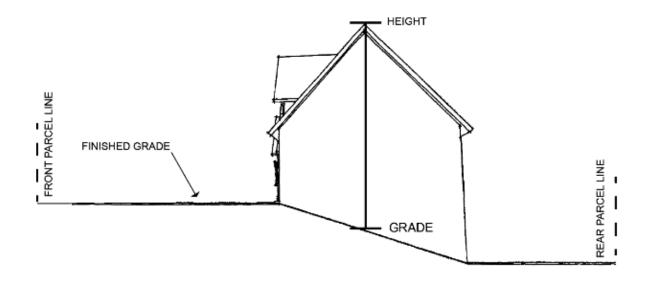
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## 3.0 Definitions

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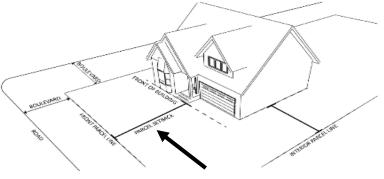
**FENCE** means a structure serving as an enclosure, a barrier or a boundary, usually made of posts or stakes, joined together by boards, wire or rails and includes a gate, screen trellis and wall.

**HEIGHT** means the vertical distance measured from average grade to the highest point of the roof. In calculating the height of a building, any construction used as an ornament or for the mechanical operation of the building such as a chimney, tower, cupola or steeple shall not be included. Height of a building is determined based on the average grade directly adjacent to the building, as seen below.



#### Figure 1: Grade and Height

**PARCEL SETBACK** means the horizontal distance measured at right angles to the parcel line, between the parcel line and the building, structure or use, as shown below.



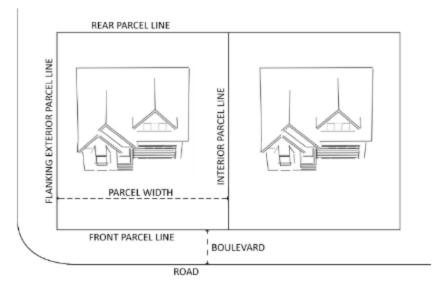
#### Figure 1: Parcel Setback



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**PARCEL WIDTH** means the width of the parcel between the two side parcel lines measured a distance of 7.5 m from the front parcel line, as shown below.





# 4.0 General Regulations

### 4.13 Fencing

- 1. All R, RM, I, INS, C-4 and M zoned parcels should be fenced on a minimum of three (3) sides (interior parcel line, exterior parcel line, rear parcel line and flanking parcel line), pursuant to the regulations of this bylaw.
- 2. The height of a fence shall be measured as the vertical distance from the ground grade level at the base of the fence to the highest point of the fence, as seen in Figure 15.

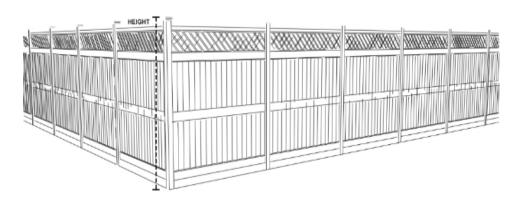


Figure 3: Fence Height



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- 3. No fence shall exceed a height of 1.2 m in a front yard and 1.8 m in a side and rear yard in R, C and INS zones.
- 4. No fence shall exceed a height of 2.4 m in in any yard in M zones.
- 5. Fences may be constructed within any required setback, with the exception of setbacks required for a watercourse and to the portion of a parcel that is within a required sight triangle.
- 6. Barbed wire included in fencing is only permitted in the A1, M1 and M2 zone.
- 7. Fences adjacent to a highway shall be constructed from a see-through style material, except for parcels adjacent to the Alaska Highway, where fences shall be constructed with opaque style material.
- 8. Chain link fencing is prohibited in all R and RM zones.
- 9. Chain link fencing is prohibited on the front and flanking yards in all C zones.
- 10. With the exception of M zoned parcels, chain link fencing fronting on public spaces must incorporate vegetative screening consisting of coniferous trees and shrubs, on the side of the fencing visible from outside the parcel, in the form of massed planting as generally illustrated in Figure 16.

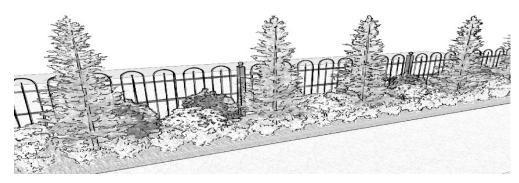


Figure 4: Massed Planting and Fencing

- 11. Fencing for P zoned properties should generally conform to the following standards:
  - a. wooden fencing 1.8 m in height along Parcel lines which border a residential parcel;
  - b. black chain-link fencing, 1.2 m in height, along roadways, public property and any non-residential parcel; and
  - c. be lifted 4" above grade to allow for maintenance, except around ball diamonds.

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