

Fence Requirements

IN ORDER TO BUILD A FENCE IN THE CITY OF JOHNSTON YOU WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING,

- Building Permit Application
- Site plan showing:
 - An arrow pointing north & labeled N or North
 - Location of fence and gates
 - Type and width of easements
- After submitting the Building Permit to the city, the Permit Application Review may take up to five (5) working days.

PROPERTY LINES

- The City of Johnston does not locate property lines.
- The Building Department can provide you with a plat map showing a property's dimensions.

INSPECTIONS

- An inspection is required for a fence once it is complete.
- Inspections can be scheduled by calling the Building Department at (515) 727-7778.



GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. Any construction within a public easement is the owner's liability.
2. A fence may be a maximum height of **6 feet** within the limits of the side and rear yard lines, and a maximum of **4 feet** within the front yard.
3. On a corner lot, nothing can be built, placed, planted, or allowed to grow in a manner that impedes vision between the heights of **2.5 feet and 10 feet** within the vision triangle.
4. Barbed or electrified fences are prohibited within any residential district.
5. Limitations of materials by restrictive covenants are not overseen by City staff.
6. A gate is required for maintaining any areas of a property not accessible due to the construction of a fence.



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