

(i) *Fences and walls in required landscaped buffers.* Fences and walls may be allowed in required landscaped buffers providing that the fence or wall is located between the required tree and shrub plantings and the property line with sufficient area for maintenance of the landscaping. The intent of this requirement is to provide the benefit of the landscaped buffer to the adjacent properties.

(j) *Construction and materials.* Except as allowed pursuant to a waiver as set forth in subsection (m) hereinbelow, all freestanding walls and fences shall be designed with a finished side facing outward toward improved roadways and public facilities such as schools and parks. Fences shall be designed to withstand stresses to which they may reasonably be expected to be subjected or as otherwise required by the building code, and shall be constructed of any of the following materials or combination thereof:

(1) Wood (except slash bark) of rot- and termite-resistant species, or chemically treated or painted to resist rot and termite attack.

(2) Chain-link.

(3) Ornamental metal; to include corrugated, galvanized, roofing or other sheet metal, provided that all edges of each sheet are surrounded by wood or other approved materials intended for exterior use.

(4) Concrete or masonry.

(5) Vinyl, prefabricated, ornamental.

(6) Barbed wire is only permitted for security fences in the B-4, B-5, M-1, M-2 and GU districts.

(7) Hog wire, chicken wire, barbed wire or other metal wire fencing is allowed for bona fide agricultural uses in agricultural districts and in residential districts when installed on the inside of a fence to contain domestic animals or approved school projects as specified in chapter 18 (Animals) of this Code.

(8) Except as allowed in the agricultural districts for bona fide agricultural uses, electrified fencing is prohibited.

(k) *Exceptions.* Fences that may be erected around high voltage substations, pumping stations, public service utilities, school yards, public playgrounds, public parks, cemeteries and governmental or public utility owned property are exempted from the requirements of this chapter.

(l) *Maintenance.* All fencing or walls shall be properly maintained and free from debris at all times.

(m) *Alternative designs and waiver.* The site plan committee may approve alternative fence designs, which differ from the above requirements, including height, side facing toward adjoining property, and construction material.

(1) To be eligible for such a waiver, the applicant must demonstrate the following:

a. The proposed design is appropriate and compatible with the surrounding area and surrounding uses; and

b. The proposed design allows reasonable use of the property; and

c. The proposed design does not compromise public health, safety and welfare.

(2) Before granting such a waiver, the site plan committee shall make written findings of fact that the criteria set forth in subsection (m)(1) above, have been established.

## How Do I Obtain A Fence Permit?

To obtain a Fence Permit you must submit an application to the Building Department. A Fence Permit is not an over-the-counter process. The following steps will take place:

- Submit a complete application and permitting fee to the Building Department.
- Once the application and payment are received, the application is processed and reviewed by the Building Department, Planning & Zoning, and Public Works.
- Once approved by all departments, the permit is issued. Permits are valid for 180 days from issuance.
- Build your fence according to the City's Ordinance on the previous pages.
- Once your fence is completed, call the Building Department to request a final inspection to be scheduled.
- Final Inspections called in prior to 3PM will be scheduled for the next business day.

If you need further information or have more questions, please contact the Building Department at 352-233-2105, Monday through Thursday from 7AM – 5PM.

# Fence Permit Information

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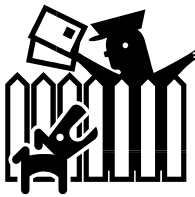
# Fence Ordinance

The City of Belleview's Code of Ordinances is regulated by the State of Florida Statutes. Please read the following Ordinance to better understand what is allowed on your property and how to apply for a fence permit.

## DIVISION 3. FENCES AND WALLS\*

Sec. 134-491. Requirements and height limitations.

(a) *Intent.* It is the intent of this division to ensure that fence and wall improvements conform to the standards and requirements set forth herein and are located on the property of the applicant.



(b) *Definitions:*

(1) *Front property line.* For the purpose of this chapter, the term "front property line" shall mean the border of any lot or parcel of property, which line runs parallel with that portion of any structure which contains the front entrance of such structure. If such structure is located so that the front entrance is not parallel to one property line, then the property line adjacent to and parallel to the street which is used for the quadrant street address of the property shall be the front property line.

(2) *Front wall.* The wall containing the front entrance of a structure.

(3) *Front yard.* For the purpose of this chapter, the term front yard shall mean the portion of any lot or parcel of property lying between the front property line and an imaginary line extending along the front wall of a structure to the side property lines, and running parallel to the front property line.

(4) *Rear property line.* The term "rear property line" shall mean the line opposite to the front prop-

erty line.

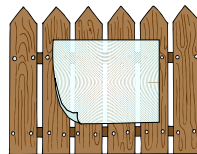
(5) *Rear yard.* The term "rear yard" shall mean the portion of any lot or parcel of property, lying between the rear property line the rear wall of a structure and that portion of any structure which contains the front entrance of such structure.

(6) *Side property line.* The term "side property line" shall mean the property lines that are neither the front property line nor the back property line, and which connect the front and back property lines.

(7) *Side yard.* The term side yard shall mean the property lying between the side of a building and any side property line, excluding the front yard and the back yard.

(c) *Application and drawing required.* No permit for a fence or wall shall be issued unless an application for a permit has been filed with the building official including a drawing clearly depicting the location, height and type of wall or fence to be located, erected, constructed, replaced, reconstructed or altered including a typical cross section of the fence or wall, and sufficient information to indicate that the wall or fence shall be in compliance with this article.

(d) *Permit required.* No fence or wall shall be located, erected, constructed, replaced, reconstructed or altered unless a fence permit has been issued by the city for said fence or wall.



(e) *Survey requirements.* A property survey may be required for walls or fences set into permanent pillars, or to be located along public rights-of-way. Such surveys shall be no more than one year old or shall have been recertified within the last year. Delineators for survey markers shall remain on-site during the permitting and construction process.

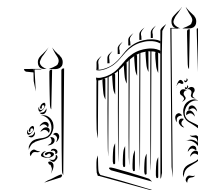
(f) *Height restrictions.* Except as otherwise indicated in this article, the following height restrictions shall be met:

(1) *Fences and walls in residential districts.* Except as otherwise indicated in this article, in all residential zoning districts, fences shall not exceed eight feet in the rear and side yards and four feet in the front yards and side yards fronting improved rights-of-way.

(2) *Fences and walls in commercial districts.* Except as otherwise indicated in this article, in all commercial zoning districts, fences shall not exceed six feet in height. Fences in the B-4 and B-5 districts may include security fencing with up to three strands of barbed wire (facing toward the subject property) not to exceed eight feet in total height from grade.

(3) *Fences and walls in industrial and governmental districts.* Except as otherwise indicated in this article, in all industrial and governmental zoning districts, fences shall not exceed eight feet in height and may include security fencing with up to three strands of barbed wire (facing toward the subject property) not to exceed ten feet in total height from grade.

(4) *Fences and walls in agricultural districts.* Fences in agricultural districts used for purposes other than bona fide agricultural uses and not exempted under F.S. § 604.50, shall meet residential construction standards.



(g) *Height measurement.* The height of fence or wall shall be measured from the original grade closest to the property along the fence line, where the fence or wall is constructed.

(h) *Restrictions.* The following restrictions shall apply to all fences and walls:

(1) *Clear visibility restrictions.* In no case shall a fence or wall exceeding 2.5 feet in height be permitted within the clear visibility area as specified in section 134-466 (intersection of roadways) and section 118-312 (driveways) of this code.

(2) *Restrictions of location near fire hydrants.* No freestanding wall or fence shall be located within 25 feet of a fire hydrant without written approval from the fire service agency providing service to the area.