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FENCE INFORMATION

The height, density and location of fences are regulated by the Zoning Ordinance. However, building permits are not required to install fences in the City of Newton. Fences can be constructed inside or on the property line but are limited to four (4') feet in height in front yards and seven (7') feet in height in all other yards. Fences in the front yard must be at least 50% open.

➤ Before installing any type of fence, it is recommended that all property lines be located and verified.

Front Yard: Fences in the front yard are limited to four (4') feet in height and must be at least 50% open. The depth of the front yard is determined by your zoning district. Please contact the City Planner to determine your zoning district. Chain link and open slats are considered open type fencing.

Side Yard: Fences in the side yard can be privacy fences or open fences and not more than seven (7') feet in height.

Rear Yard: Fences in the rear yard can be privacy fences or open fences and not more than seven (7') feet in height.

If you live on a corner lot, both sides that front on a street are considered to be Front Yards and must meet those requirements.

The front, side and rear yard requirements are measured from the point at which the City Right-of-Way ends (not at the curb) and your property begins. If your dwelling is closer to the street than the required front yard distance, your fence must still meet the required front yard requirements for your zoning district.

Maintenance of the fence is responsibility of the owner. The finished side of the fence can face in or face out at the owner's choice.

For more information or if you have any questions contact the City Planner at 792-6622.

