

# LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION



## FENCES

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Fence structures, within certain limits, are exempt from the requirements for building permits and setbacks. "Fence" in this instance does not include retaining walls or masonry fences. Along interior property lines fences no taller than 6' may be built up to the property line. Any part of the fence that falls within the front yard setback, though, must be no higher than 3 1/2' in total height. In addition, any part of the fence that falls within the "visual clear zone" may not exceed 2 1/2' in total height. Retaining walls and masonry fences must meet zoning, land use, and Building Code standards.

**LC15.070(1)(i)** Fences, walls or hedges, and guard railings, or other similar landscaping or architectural devices, may be established within the setback area provided that they do not exceed three and one-half feet in height and further provided they comply with Visual Clear Zone requirements specified in LC 15.095(3).

**LC 15.070(1)(j)** Wire fencing such as that used for livestock, excluding "cyclone" or chain-link fencing, of up to 6 feet in height and which complies with Visual Clear Zone requirements specified in LC 15.095(3) may be established within the setback area.

**LC 15.080(5)** Fences, walls or hedges not exceeding six feet in height may be located or maintained within the required interior building setback area, except where Visual Clear Zone requirements specified in LC 15.095(3) apply, or where a greater or lesser height may be required in connection with an action on a Conditional Use Permit, Temporary Permit, Site Review Permit or Planned Unit Development application.

**Fences MUST be built within the property boundary** and are not allowed within the Lane County Public Road or right-of-way in accordance with LC 15.205(2). Failure to Comply will result in enforcement provisions found in LC 15.210(11) and LC 15.950 through LC 15.955. For more information regarding the public right-of-way call 682-6902.

**Visual Clear Zone.** A triangular area of a driveway or road intersection corner that is 15 feet in length along the driveway and along intersecting roads. No visual obstructions such as plantings, walls, fences, signs, or other structures or vegetation, either temporary or permanent in nature, between two and one-half and 15 feet in height above the road surface are permitted in this area.

