

**FAQs (cont'd):****What about fences around swimming pools?**

Contact the City's Building Standards Branch prior to construction (975-3236).

**Is the front property line located adjacent to the sidewalk?**

In most cases, the front property line is not located adjacent to the sidewalk. Often a city boulevard exists between the sidewalk and the property line. The width of this boulevard may vary from one street to the next and can be verified by contacting the City's Municipal Engineering Branch (975-2454).

**Does the front of a house always face the front property line?**

Not necessarily, the narrowest width of the lot is generally considered the front of the property. If you are unsure as to the location of your front yard, contact the Community Services Department.

**How are property lines determined?**

A Surveyor's Certificate or a Real Property Report prepared by a Saskatchewan Land Surveyor can be used to accurately locate property site lines. It is the responsibility of the property owner to ensure the accurate location of fencing relative to their property site lines.



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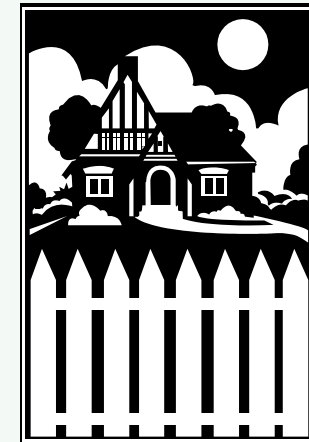
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## Procedures & Requirements for

# Residential Fences



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Saskatoon's *Zoning Bylaw 7800* sets out the regulations governing the height and location of fences built on residential properties. Fences built within these regulations do not require a building permit.

Fence heights are limited to 1.0 m (metre) in required front yards and 2.0 m in side and rear yards. (See Figure A) The required front yard is the area from the front property line to the minimum front building line as established in each zoning district. (See Figure B)

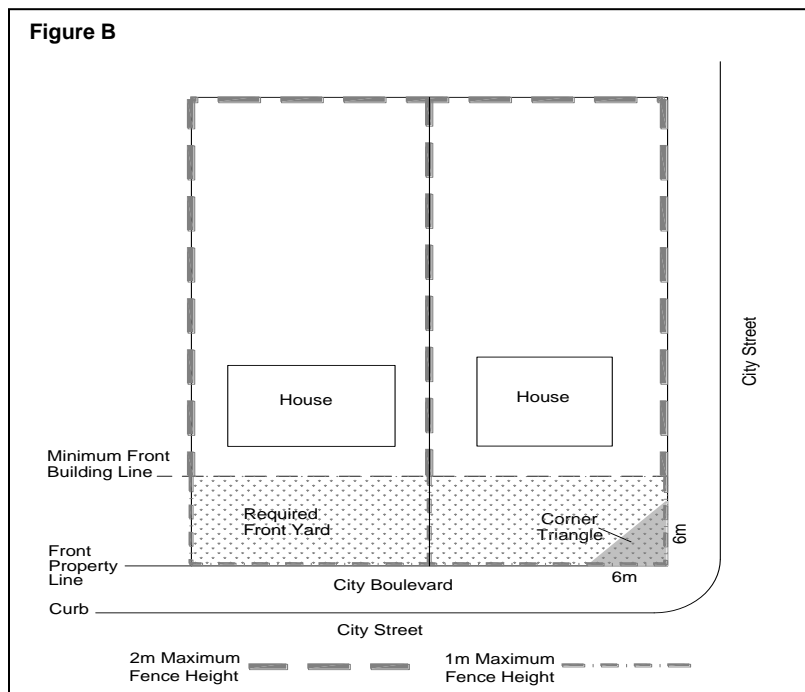
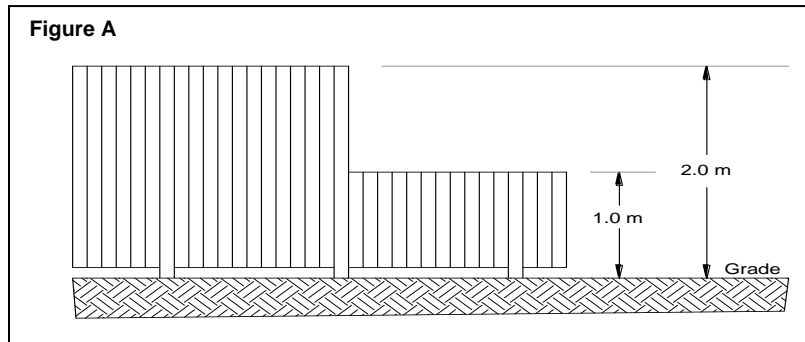
The minimum required front yard depth for most residential districts is 6.0 m except:

**R1** = 9 m required front yard for sites more than 34 m deep

**R1B** = 3-6 m required front yard

In the case of corner lots, fences and vegetation higher than 1.0 m cannot be situated in a triangular zone measured 6.0 m in each direction from the street corner of the property. In addition, fences and vegetation less than 1.0 m in height will not be permitted if they obstruct the view of vehicular traffic. (See Figure B)

Contact the Community Services Department, Building Standards Branch, if you have any questions regarding these requirements.



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):

### How is the height of a fence measured?

As illustrated in Figure A, the height of a fence is the distance from the ground level immediately adjacent to the fence to the highest point of the fence.

### Can noise or an unattractive view be blocked?

When side or rear property lines abut a freeway, expressway, highway or railway right-of-way or an associated buffer strip, a 2.5 m high fence is permitted.

### What type of fence is permitted?

The choice of design, construction and materials is up to the individual. However, fences must be maintained in a safe and reasonable state of repair.

### If a neighbour is building a fence between two properties, is the other party obligated to pay half?

Cooperation between neighbours often results in cost-shared projects. The City of Saskatoon has no jurisdiction in disputes arising over fence construction, cost or maintenance as these matters fall within provincial jurisdiction and can be resolved through civil litigation.

### Who do I need to notify?

To avoid serious injury or disruption of utility services, you should contact the following utility agencies at least 48 hours prior to digging, so that all utility lines can be properly located. There is no fee for this service.

- SaskPower 1-888-757-6937
- SaskEnergy 1-866-828-4888
- SaskTel Dial 611
- Shaw Cable 665-3764
- City Electrical 975-3056

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