

Sec. 117-329. - Fences (permit required).

Except as otherwise specifically provided in other codes and regulations, the following regulations shall apply to the construction of all fences:

(1) *Maximum height.* Fences shall not exceed six feet in height, unless approved by the planning commission.

a. Front yards. Fences that are 50 percent open may be erected to a maximum height of four feet in the front yard.

b. Fencing in the I-1 and I-2 districts, areas abutting interstate highways, around tennis courts and other recreational amenities, and on lots or tracts containing five acres or more shall be exempt from the height limitation.

(2) *Corner visibility.* Fences shall comply with the corner visibility standards of [section 117-327](#).

(3) *Construction materials.* Fences in all residential zoning districts shall be constructed so that the horizontal and vertical support posts are inside the fence area or hidden from view of those outside the fenced area. This requirement shall not apply to fences that abut nonresidential zoning districts, lots abutting interstate highways, or in situations where the owner of the lot adjacent to the fence gives written permission of a plan for placing support posts on the outside of the fence. All exposed steel, except galvanized metal, shall have a color finish coat applied to them and be preserved against rust and corrosion.

(4) *Design and maintenance.* All fences shall be maintained in their original upright condition. Fences designed to be painted or have other surface finishes shall be maintained in their original condition as designed. Missing boards, pickets, or posts shall be replaced in a timely manner with material of the same type and quality.

a. A permit is required to repair or replace more than two (2) sections, or 16 feet, of preexisting fence. A permit is not required for non-structural vertical or horizontal repair actions such as replacement of existing fence planks.

b. If a property owner is building or repairing a fence themselves, they are responsible for obtaining the necessary permit. However, if a contractor is hired, it is their responsibility to obtain the permit. The permit holder must comply with all City of Jonesboro building codes and ordinances, as well as adhere to setbacks, easements, and right-of-ways.

(5) *Setbacks.*

a. Front Setbacks shall follow the zoning requirements for that district.

b. Interior Side Setbacks are not required.

c. Exterior Side Setbacks shall be a minimum of 10 feet from the edge of the property line.

d. Rear Setbacks are not required.

(6) *Prohibited.*

- a. Barbed wire and electrified fences shall be prohibited on all lots of less than two acres in area.
- b. Fencing shall be prohibited within any street right-of-way. Exact location of fencing shall be the sole responsibility of the property owner.
- c. Fencing shall not obstruct the passage or storage of floodwater, surface runoff, or stormwater along lot lines as regulated in [section 112-129](#) of [chapter 112](#), Stormwater Management, of this Code.