



**Cities of Altoona, Bondurant
and Mitchellville**
967-5138 Altoona/Bondurant
967-2935 Mitchellville

**Fence, Wall, & Hedge
requirements**

Ordinance Sections Regulating Fences are:

City of Altoona – Sections 167.01 & 167.02
 City of Bondurant - Section 177.01 & 177.02
 City of Mitchellville – Chapter 165 Article 4 Sections
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**NOT INTENDED FOR SWIMMING POOL
REQUIREMENTS.**



General Regulations

1. Barbed wire or similar product shall not be constructed, placed, or maintained in a residential zoned district.
2. Electric Fence/Fencing shall not be constructed, placed, or maintained. (Allowed by Mitchellville in an A-1 Zoned district).
3. Every fence shall be done as follows: posts, supporting rails, and other such supporting elements when located shall be on and face the property on which the fence is located.
*Alternating pickets are allowed as well as design fences – See next column.
4. In any zoned district, a fence, wall or hedge shall provide a 3-inch clearance between the bottom of such structure and the final grade when such structure is located in an overland flowage easement.

Before You Construct

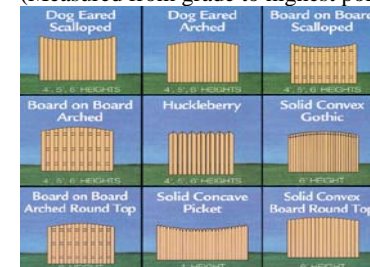
1. A building permit is required. The permit fee for a residential fence is \$18.00. If you are located in the City of Mitchellville the permit fee varies.
2. A building permit can be obtained at 1504 8th Street SW in Altoona. If you live in the City of Mitchellville you must apply at 110 2nd Street SE in Mitchellville.
3. Before you dig please call 1-800-292-8989 (Iowa One Call) for locates. Typically it takes 24 to 48 hours to be completed. Required by State Law.

Allowable Fence Heights

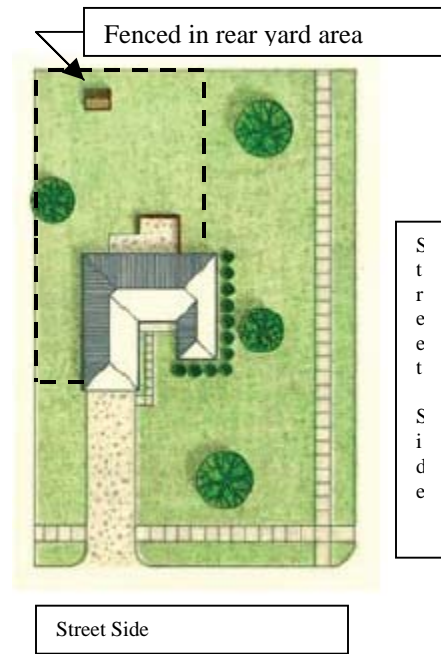
A wall or fence in a rear yard shall not exceed 6 feet in height when located in a residential district*. A wall or fence in a rear yard shall not exceed 10 feet in height when located in a commercial or industrial district.
*Mitchellville allows a rear fence to be 8 feet in height when located in a residential district.

The maximum height for a fence, wall, and/or hedge located in the **front yard** or the **street side yard** of a corner lot is 42 inches. This applies to residential zoned districts only.

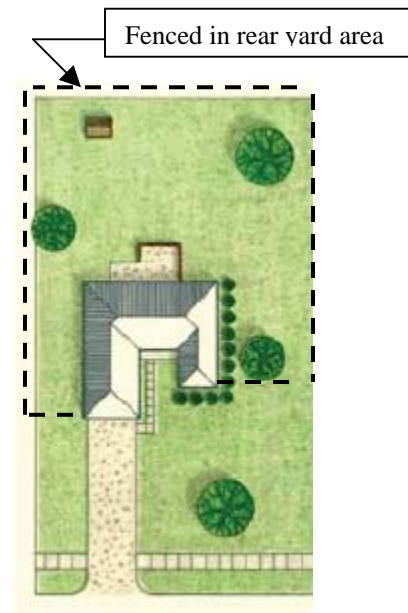
(Measured from grade to highest point of fence)



TYPICAL CORNER LOT



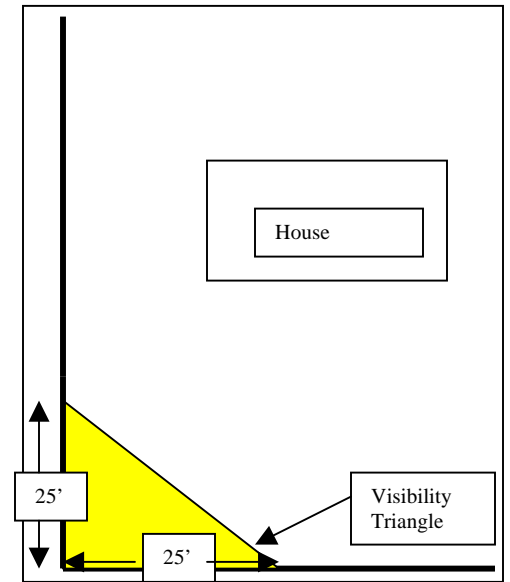
TYPICAL NON CORNER LOT



The property owner is required to maintain trees on property.

Corner Visibility

On residentially zoned corner lots nothing can be located, planted, erected, placed, or allowed to grow as to materially impede vision between a height of 2 ½ and 10 feet above the centerline grades of the intersecting streets in the area bounded by the street lines of such corner lots and a line joining points along said street lines 25 feet from the point of intersection of right of way lines



Anything with a height between 30" & 10' above center of street is considered a violation.

Fence Location

A fence can be located on the property line even if your property line extends into an easement. No portion of a fence is allowed to project onto a public right of way.

This office does not verify or locate property lines and/or property pins/markers.

Through Lots – Altoona Only

Any lot within a subdivision or plat of survey recorded after February 7, 2003 (except corner lots) shall not have a fence closer than 15 feet from a major street and/or highway right of way. The yard between the fence and major street and/or highway shall contain several plantings (see list below).

One tree (hardwood) – must be at least 1" to 1 ½" in caliper

1. Ash: "Autumn Purple," Green [seedless]
2. Maple: Crimson King, Norway, Sugar
3. Oak: Burr, English, Northern Red

Three Shrubs – must be at least 18" to 24" in height. These plantings are required to be placed in every 25 linear feet or major fraction thereof of lot width along the major street and/or highway right of way.