

## *What do I do if I have more questions?*

Contact the Planning Counter. Staff is available from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday except holidays and will be happy to discuss your project with you.

The Planning counter is located in the Community and Economic Development Department on the 4th Floor of City Hall, 12725 SW Millikan Way.

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*The instructions contained within this brochure are not intended to replace the regulations found in the City Development Code (Ord. 2050). Fence, landscaping and hedge regulations may be found on the City web site ([www.beavertonoregon.gov](http://www.beavertonoregon.gov)) or may be obtained at the Planning Counter.*

# Fences Landscaping & Hedges

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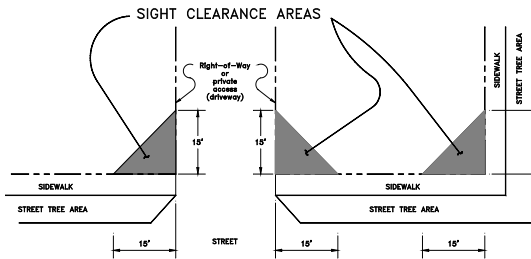
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# Fences, Landscaping and Hedges

## Where can I build a fence?

Fences may be constructed up to the lot line, except in those areas on your property which must provide for sight clearance (Beaverton Development Code 60.50.20).



It is important to locate the fence on your property and not on your neighbor's, nor in the public right-of-way. The property owner is responsible for determining where the property lines are. The Planning Division has maps available which may be of general assistance in locating the property lines. The Building Division may have a plot plan which shows where your house sits on the property in relation to the property lines. However, the City does not offer lot line locating services. If you have additional questions about where your property line is located, you may wish to hire a private licensed land surveyor.

## Do I need a building permit?

Building permits are not required to construct a fence unless it will exceed six feet in height or the fence is for a swimming pool or special pool enclosure. For more information about building permits, please contact the Building Division at (503) 526-2403.

## Can I put up an electric fence?

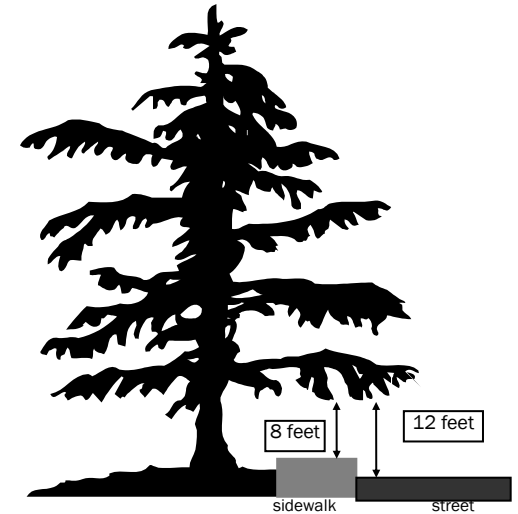
An electric fence or other electrified wire or material is not allowed along a sidewalk or public way or along adjoining property lines (Beaverton City Code 5.05.105).

## Can I install a barbed wire fence?

A full or partial barbed wire fence is not allowed along a sidewalk or public right-of-way unless the lowest strand of barbed wire is higher than 6 ½ feet above ground level (BCC 5.05.105). A building permit is required for fences this high.

## What about trees which overhang the right-of-way?

If you have any trees on your property or in the planter strip along your frontage which overhangs the sidewalk, there must be at least eight feet of clearance from the sidewalk to the lowest limbs. Trees that overhang a street must have twelve feet of clearance from the street to the lowest limbs, if the street is not classified as an arterial, or fourteen feet if the street is classified as an arterial (BCC 5.05.115.E.8).



## What other regulations apply to the vision clearance area of my property?

Walls, structures, hedges, or other planting material places in the vision clearance area (the shaded portion shown on the diagram) shall not obstruct visibility between a height of three and ten feet. For example, if you have shrubs in this area, they shall not be taller than three feet as measured from the ground. Trees in this area shall be kept trimmed so that there is ten feet of clearance from the ground to the bottom limbs.

