

Residential Fence Guidelines



The City of Whitehorse regulates the maximum height of fences in all areas of the City. This hand out is for residential fences only. For all other zones, refer to Section 5 of the City's Zoning Bylaw.

Guidelines:

Permits: Permits are not required to build a fence.

Style: The City of Whitehorse does not regulate the design of fences, materials used, which way the "good side" faces, or the cost breakdown between neighbours. The *Zoning Bylaw* does, however, require that fence and wall materials shall be consistent with the character of the zone in which they are located and restricts the use of barbed wire.

Height: The diagram below outlines the maximum permitted fence height for various locations on a residential lot. Fences in the **front yard** cannot exceed 1.2 m (4 ft). Fences in the **side and rear yard** cannot exceed 2.0 m (6 ½ ft). Fence height on a **corner lot** is limited to 1.2 m (4 ft) in both yards fronting each street.

Location: Fences may be built up to the property line. To confirm where your side, rear and front property lines are located, refer to a legal survey of your property. Fences are not permitted to be built on City property (boulevard area). The fence builder is responsible to ensure that the fence maintains required distances from curbs and sidewalks.

Drainage: Your fence should not impede, obstruct or alter the flow of water drainage unless it is a required retaining wall. The *Zoning Bylaw* does not regulate the cost breakdown between neighbours where retaining walls are needed. Where a fence is located on top of a retaining wall the height of the fence must be measured from the base of the retaining wall.

Call Before You Dig! Call Yukon Electrical at **1-800-661-0513** to check for buried underground electrical cables.

This information is intended as a general guide only. For questions, please contact *Planning & Development Services* at **(867) 668-8346** or email planning.services@whitehorse.ca.

