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**Fences**



Section 62 of the City's Zoning Ordinance regulates the installation and maintenance of fences. Fences placed in the side or rear yard of a residence may be no taller than eight (8) feet in height while fences placed within the front yard setback of properties may be no taller than four (4) feet in height. No fence may be constructed within two (2) feet of the right-of-way of any street. While there is no restriction as to how close to a property line you may place a fence, elsewhere you should allow enough space to provide the ability to install and maintain the fence without trespassing on a neighboring property. Corner Lots – See Sec. 83

**Are there restrictions concerning the face of the fence?**

Yes, in all cases, the finished side of the fence must always face outward from your property. You may refer to Section 62 of the Zoning Ordinance, available online at [www.acworth.org](http://www.acworth.org), for full regulations of Fences and Walls.



**Do I need to maintain my fence?**

Yes. All fences must be maintained and corrected of any defects including damage, missing portions, or any other defect deemed a nuisance.

**What is required if I have a swimming pool?**

All swimming pools are to be enclosed by a fence having a height of no less than five (5) feet with a self-closing, self-latching gate. Full requirements for swimming pool fences may be obtained by contacting the Building Inspections Office at (770) 974-2032.



**Do I need a permit to install a fence?**

No. You do not need to obtain a permit in order to install a fence as long as the regulations listed in Section 63 of the Acworth Zoning Ordinance are followed.

**What if I'm building a retaining all?**

Any retaining or landscape wall that is four (4) feet in height or taller must be engineered and requires a permit for construction. These walls will also require a fence or rail at the top as well. For more requirements on these types of walls, please contact the Building Inspections Office at (770) 974-2032.