

# Fences

In most situations the City and Borough of Juneau does not require a permit for the placement of fences on private property. Building permits are only required when fences exceed 6 feet in height.

However, the Land Use Code does have regulations on the placement of sight obscuring fences adjacent to rights-of-way. Sight obscuring means any type of solid fence material that you cannot see through (chain link or similar types of fences do not need to follow these regulations and can be built along any property line).

For properties fronting on one right-of-way, sight obscuring fences that do not exceed a maximum of 4 feet may be built up to and on the front lot line. Any sight obscuring fence exceeding a height of 4 feet must be located 20 feet from the traveled way. The traveled way is not the boundary of the right-of-way, rather, it is the edge of the roadway shoulder or the curb closest to the property.

Properties fronting on more than one right-of-way (corner lots) must follow the same restriction for sight obscuring fences along each right-of-way. In addition to that regulation, the fence cannot exceed 3 feet within 20 feet of the intersection. The 20 feet is determined by extending the edge of the traveled ways to a point of intersection, measuring back 20 feet, and then connecting the points.

Vegetation near rights-of-way follows the same height restrictions, but trees may be located within the 20 feet, provided they do not obscure view from 4 to 8 feet above the ground. The full Land Use Code citation on fences can be found at 49.25.430(4)(L).

