

New Fencing Requirements

City of Sidney

Zoning Code, Section 1107.17 FENCES

Effective August 11, 2014

Definitions:

“Fence” means any structure erected in such a manner and positioned to permanently enclose, partially enclose, or create a barrier on any premises or part of any premises. Hedges, trellises or other structures supporting or for the purpose of supporting vines, flowers and other vegetation when erected in such position to enclose any premises or part of premises shall be included within the definition of the word “fence”.

“Hedge” means a row of bushes or small trees planted close together, especially when forming a barrier or boundary.

General Requirements:

- **Size & Location:**
 - Rear yard and side yard: Fences, hedges or walls up to seven feet high.
 - Front yard: Hedges, open fences or walls, up to 3 ½ feet high, can be located in any front yard.
 - Industrial districts: fences up to 8 feet are allowed in any yard, but must be at least 80% open in any front yard.
- If the fence is 1-sided, the structural side must face the interior of the property.
- Vision clearance is required on all corner lots and alley intersection based on the City of Sidney Engineering Standards.
- Fencing material allowed (please see the regulations for a complete listing.) Commonly used fencing materials, such as:
 - Wood - naturally resistant to decay and insects or treated to be resistant;
 - Vinyl or wood-vinyl composite;
 - Chain link;
 - Aluminum; and/or
 - Stone or brick.
- Temporary fences used for a specific function (such as construction or snow fencing) and limited time duration must be maintained in good condition and do not require a permit. *Temporary fencing material cannot be used for permanent fencing.*
- A fence permit is required for new installation or a change / addition to an existing fence.



Please contact Kirby King or Barbara Dulworth with the City's Community Services Department for permit information, Code information, or any questions.

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