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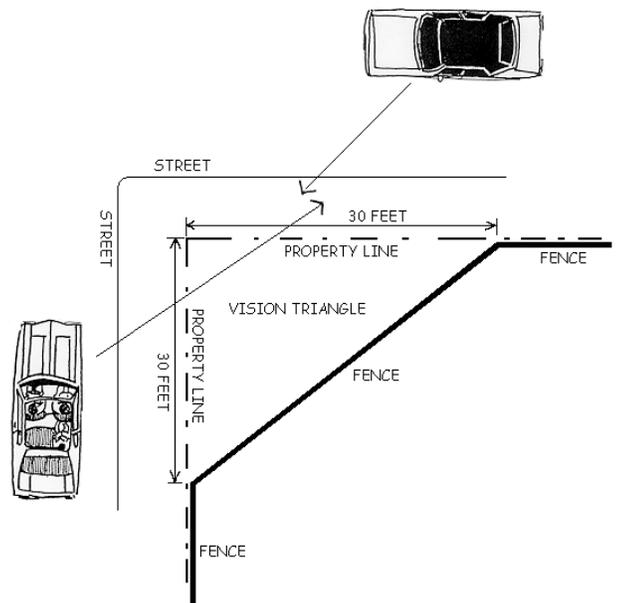
Building Permits are not required to install a fence.

Requirements regulating fences are located in Section 17.42.080 and 9.28 of Davenport City Code. A summary of those requirements is found below.

Zoning requirements stipulate the height, setback and placement of all fences.

In an "R" district (residential; R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4 & R-7) and certain commercial districts (O-T, C-O, C-1) fences shall be:

1. No more than 42 inches (3 1/2 ft) high between the front building line and front property line;
2. No more than 42 inches (3 1/2 ft) high if located on a side yard line in the front yard;
3. No more than six feet high if located on a rear property line or on a side yard line behind the front building line;
4. No fence shall be allowed when located within the visibility triangle (see diagram) at the intersection of a street and a street and/or at the intersection of a street and a driveway/alley;
5. Located within the buildable portion of a lot if the fence is to be greater than six feet tall but less than eight feet tall. No fence, even if located in the buildable portion of a lot, may exceed eight feet tall;
6. Constructed so that the finished, nonstructural or dressed side of the fence is directed toward neighboring property or properties;
7. Prohibited within drainage easements or designated floodways.





In the "A", "C-2", "PDD", "C-4" and "M" districts fences shall be:

1. No greater than eight feet high in the non-buildable portion of the lot (except where the front yard faces or is within 50 feet of a "R" district). Where the front yard faces or is within 50 feet of a "R" district, fences within the minimum front yard setback shall not exceed 42 inches in height;
2. Allowed to exceed eight feet in height in the buildable portion of the lot;
3. Not allowed when located within the visibility triangle (see diagram) at the intersection of a street and a street and/or at the intersection of a street and a driveway/alley;
4. Constructed so that the finished, nonstructural or dressed side of the fence is directed toward neighboring property or properties;
5. Prohibited within drainage easements or designated floodways.
6. Allowed along all boundaries of a lot without setback if enclosing agricultural, livestock, or row crop operations and if constructed to a height of 42 inches or less.

#### **Barbed wire and electric fences are only allowed when:**

Constructed and maintained in an area of the City used primarily as agricultural property (except along public right-of-way at which a public sidewalk has been constructed); OR Constructed with the barbs or spikes being at least seven feet off the ground level; OR Completely enclosed by another fence which is not charged with electricity and does not have barbs, spikes, or dangerous projections, and said outer fence is at least six feet in height. All other applicable ordinances and regulation are followed regarding fences.

#### **Where is my property line?**

On most properties in the City, the true property line is a certain distance behind the back of the sidewalk or curb. To find the true property line, a professional land surveyor must survey the property. However, a good estimate of your property line can be determined if you can locate your property line pins that are located at corners of your lot. They may be buried in the ground to a certain depth. A metal detector may aid in the location of your property pins, but over time they may become more difficult to find. Visit the Scott County Auditor's plat room for lot dimensions and street right-of-way widths.

Civil disputes over the location of a fence or wall at adjoining private properties are not within the enforcement authority of the City to resolve. Contact the City of Davenport Engineering Division at 563.326.7923 for more information on right-of-way or easement issues.