FENCES

The maximum height of a fence is three feet in the front setback area and/or the exterior side setback area of a reversed corner lot.

Outside of the front and exterior side setback areas, the maximum height of a solid fence is six feet. An additional two feet of lattice (or similar material) that is at least 25% open may be added to the top of a solid fence, outside of the front setback area. Likewise, an open fence (e.g., wrought iron, split rail) may be up to eight feet in height, outside of the front setback area. No slats are allowed in the opening. With the exception of chain link, open fencing shall have an open diameter of at least four inches. For chain link fencing, the opening shall be two inches at minimum.

PILASTERS AND ATTACHED ARBORS

Notwithstanding the rules for driveway and street intersections, the maximum height of a pilaster is five feet in the front setback area and/or the exterior side setback area of a reversed corner lot.

Notwithstanding the rules for driveway and street intersections, you may attach a trellis or arbor to your fence, up to eight feet in height, five feet wide, and five feet deep.

VEHICLE ACCESS GATES

Wrought iron vehicle access gates may be up to five feet in height and must be located a minimum of 20 feet from the edge of street pavement.

STREET AND DRIVEWAY INTERSECTIONS

The maximum height of a fence, hedge, retaining wall, entryway element, pilaster, gate, or other similar element is three feet within fifty feet from a street intersection and/or within twelve feet from a driveway intersection. See diagrams on reverse.

RETAINING WALLS

The maximum height of a retaining wall in a front or exterior side setback area is three feet.
The maximum height of a retaining wall outside of a front or exterior side setback area is five feet.

OTHER

Please review the Fence Ordinance for more information, including swimming pool fences, fences on heritage lanes, fences in hillside districts, fences along major streets, and fence exceptions.

** Setbacks are determined by the zoning district in which the property is located **
A building permit is required for any solid fence more than six feet in height.
Please ask a planner if you need help determining your setbacks.