This guide is not intended to cover every aspect of City fence regulations, and should not be considered the final or definitive authority on any of the matters it addresses. It is only a general guide.
If the fence is built at the corner of your lot along a street, it can only be 2 feet high for 10 feet on each side of the corner, so drivers can see oncoming traffic (see diagram). This guideline applies to both homes and businesses.

Fences surrounding school yards or in business districts are not restricted in height, provided that visibility at intersections is not hindered.

**What type of material can I use to build my fence?**

A fence can be made of any type of fencing material, except barbed wire. Barbed wire can be used only in agricultural zones, or above 8 feet. Either side of a fence can face out. It is a good idea to build your fence of a height, style and material that fits in with your property and your neighborhood.

**Are there special guidelines for fences in historic districts?**

Yes, in a historic district, fences may be built higher than the standard height limitations described above if certain conditions are met first: if the height, material, composition and general appearance of the fence is appropriate for that district, AND if a conditional use permit is approved by the City.

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

No, unless your property is in a historic district, or you plan to build your fence higher than the standard height limitations described above.

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