

City of New Haven FENCE REGULATIONS

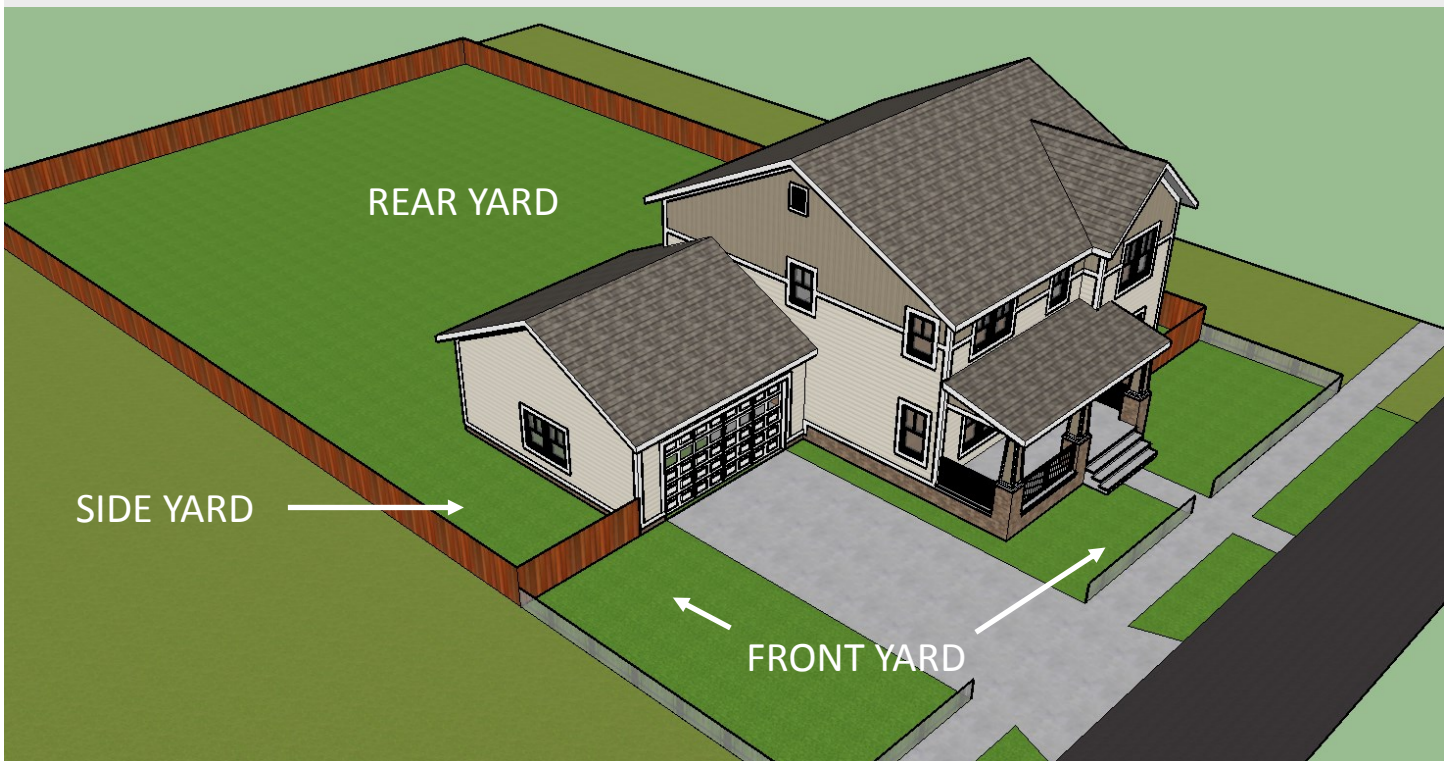


The City of New Haven’s zoning ordinance regulates the placement of fences on private property. The following is intended to help residents learn more about the city’s rules for residential fencing.

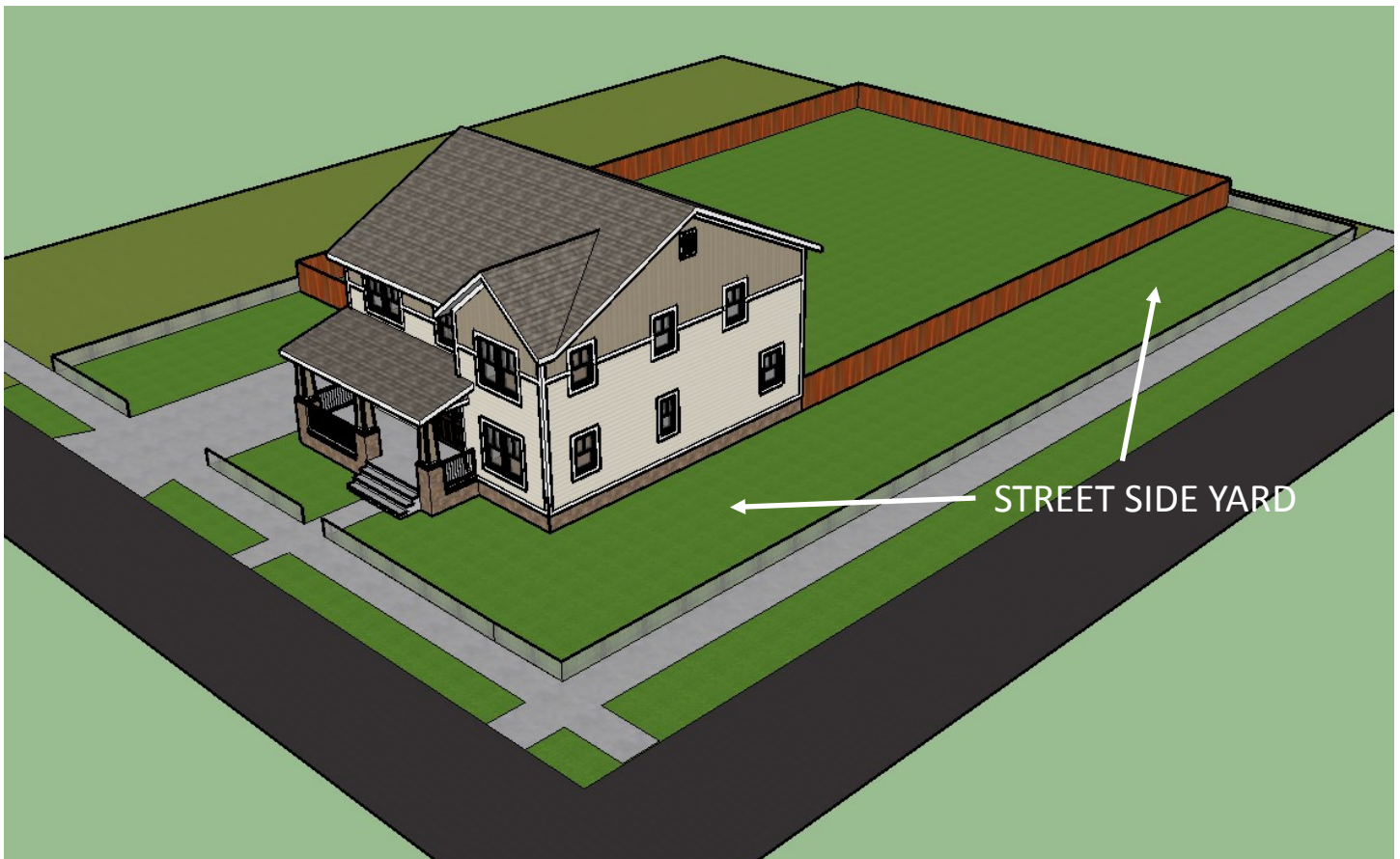
LOCATION, HEIGHT, AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Fences may be located in any yard and along the edge of the property line. Be sure to talk with your neighbors before you construct a new fence or replace an existing one. If necessary you may want to have a licensed land surveyor come out and mark the property lines for you.

The maximum allowable height varies depending upon the location of the fence. Location also has an impact on whether or not the fence requires an Improvement Location Permit (ILP) from the New Haven Planning Department. Please refer to the table below and the other side of this handout for details.



Location	Fence Type	Maximum Height	Permit Required?
Front Yard / Street Side Yard	Solid	2 1/2 Feet	Yes
	Decorative / Split Rail	3 1/2 Feet	Yes
Interior Side Yard	All	8 Feet	No
Rear Yard	All	8 Feet	No



PERMIT INFORMATION

If a permit is required the application is available on the City's website (www.newhaven.in.gov) under the Applications and Forms tab of the Planning Department's page. The application is titled "Residential ILP" and the fee is \$25. Applications must be accompanied by drawing showing the location of the proposed fence.

CORNER LOTS

Fences in the side yard, next to the street, are subject to the same regulations as those in the front yard. Decorative fences which do not create a physical barrier (i.e. split-rail) can be 3 ½ feet tall and other fences can only be 2 ½ feet tall. A fence in this location requires a permit.

EASEMENTS AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS

Many properties have easements that are set aside for access by various utility companies (cable, phone, gas, electric, etc.) Easements should be kept free and clear of any structures that would prevent access by utility crews who may need to resolve maintenance or repair issues. Additionally, some neighborhoods have restrictive covenants which also regulate fences. If applicable, contact your Neighborhood Association to find out if there are other rules that you must follow.

Have questions? Call the New Haven Planning Department at (260) 748-7040 or visit www.newhaven.in.gov