



- Is a building permit required for a fence?
- Where can I locate a fence on my property?
- To what height may a fence be built?
- Must a fence face a certain direction?
- Are barbed wire and electric fences allowed?
- Where is my property line?

**Building Permits are not required to install a fence.**

## Noteable Requirements for Installing a Fence

Requirements regulating fences are located in Section 17.09.030 H and 9.28 of Davenport City Code - <https://ecode360.com/DA4058>.

- Fences are prohibited within any right-of-way, easement or designated floodway, find details at [www.davenportiowa.com/easements](http://www.davenportiowa.com/easements).
- No barbed wire, spikes, nails or any kind of pointed instrument may be installed on any railing, fence, guard, or other barrier or protection unless specifically allowed by the City Code.
- The following materials are prohibited in the construction of fences: scrap metal, corrugated metal, sheet metal, electrical fences\*, razor wire, pallets, oriented strand board (OSB), plywood, used or repurposed material.

\*There are some exceptions, refer to City Code.



There are some differences in requirements for fences based on a property's zoning. You can look up a property's zoning at [www.davenportiowa.com/build](http://www.davenportiowa.com/build). For instance, depending on a property's zoning and the type of material used (solid/open), fences may be up to a maximum of 4, 6 or 8 FT. In general for residential districts, solid fences are limited to 4 feet and open fences are limited to 6 feet in the front and corner side yards. Open and solid fences are limited to 6 feet behind the front building line of the house.

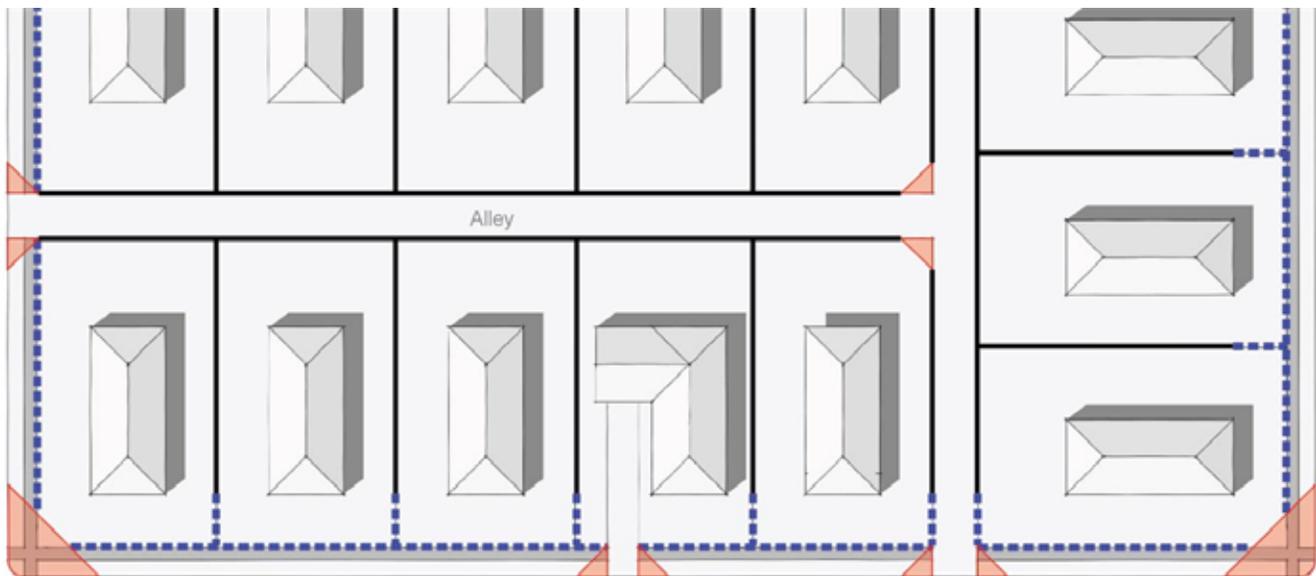
Zoning also regulates the use of chain link fences. Chain link fences are prohibited in the required front, corner side and reverse corner side setback in all Residential Districts and in the C-T, C-1, C-D, C-V and C-E Commercial Districts.

Setbacks also play a significant role when considering a fence. *Find setback details related to Residential, C-T, C-1, C-D, C-V and C-E Districts on the following page and on-line in the Davenport City Code.*

## Did you know?

Fences may be constructed at the boundaries of a lot without setback except in the following circumstances:

- Fences are prohibited within a 30 foot visibility triangle at the intersection of two streets as measured along the back of curb or edge of roadway pavement, as applicable.
- Fences are prohibited within a ten foot visibility triangle at the intersection of a street and an alley or at the intersection of a street and a private driveway as measured along the back of curb or edge of roadway pavement, as applicable, or along the driveway edge.
- Fences are prohibited within a ten foot visibility triangle at the intersection of two alleys as measured along the edge of alley pavement. (See diagram.)



### FENCES IN RESIDENTIAL, C-T, C-1, C-D, AND C-V DISTRICTS

----- Solid Fence: 4' Max. Open Fence: 6' Max.

Visibility Triangle - No Fences Permitted

— Interior side or rear: 6' max., Open or Solid

## Before you install a fence:

- Find out what the property's zoning is, [www.davenportiowa.com/build](http://www.davenportiowa.com/build).
- Find out what the zoning requirements are, <https://ecode360.com/DA4058>. Select the type of fence you will install based on these requirements.
- Know where the property line is, <https://davenportiowa.com/cms/One.aspx?portalId=6481456&pageId=15988401>. Civil disputes over the location of a fence or wall at adjoining private properties is not within the enforcement authority of the city to resolve.
- Know if your property has an easement, [www.davenportiowa.com/easements](http://www.davenportiowa.com/easements). Fences placed in an easement may be ordered removed.
- Call before you dig. 811.

Call 563.326.6198 or email [planning@davenportiowa.com](mailto:planning@davenportiowa.com) for specific questions related to fencing in commercial and industrial zoning districts.