

Permit # _____
(Assigned by City of Abilene)



APPLICATION FOR FENCE PERMIT

Work shall not commence until an approved permit has been issued. Permits will not be approved if any code violations are present on the property.

Project Site Address: _____	District Type: <i>(Check all that apply)</i>
Property Owner: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Floodplain <input type="checkbox"/> Historic District

Permit Fee: \$25.00
Payments are due at the time of application submission and do not guarantee approval. Payments made by credit or debit card are subject to a \$3.95 processing fee. All payments are non-refundable.

1-800-DIG-SAFE has been contacted: YES NO

Will the fence encroach on any easement: No Yes: Type of Easement: _____

Purpose of Fence: _____

Material of Fence: _____

Height of Fence: _____ Distance from Property Line: _____

Site Plan (Required)
 Please provide an aerial image of your property. You may obtain an aerial image from the Community Development Department or access one from the Dickinson County Parcel Map at <https://www.dkcoks.gov/gis>. This aerial image should outline your entire property and include any existing buildings and fences.

On the aerial image, please include the following site plan requirements:

- **Property outline:** Ensure the image includes the entire property boundary.
- **Existing features:** Clearly mark the locations of all existing buildings and fences.
- **Proposed fence details:** Show the location of the new fence and include:
 - Distance from property lines.
 - Distance from any buildings or structures.
 - Dimensions of the new fence (height, length, etc.).

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Fence Contractor: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I certify that I have read this application and state that the above information is correct. As owner or builder, I agree to comply with all city-adopted building codes. I acknowledge that the city is not responsible for covenants, easements, or right-of-way related to this application.

I acknowledge receipt of the 'Specifications and Inspections' handout and agree to comply with all inspection requirements outlined.

Name Printed: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Builder/Contractor Agent for Contractor Owner Agent for Owner

Applicant Copy

Specifications and Inspections

Fence Permits

Fences are a valuable addition to your property, providing privacy, security, and aesthetic appeal. To ensure compliance with local regulations, a permit is required for most fences. This guide covers key requirements for fence placement, height limits, and responsibilities regarding easements. Please review this information carefully before beginning your project to avoid issues and ensure your fence meets city standards.

Height Limits: Fence height varies

Fence height varies by location on your property

- **Backyard** – fences along the back property line can be up to 8 ft.
- **Side yards** – fences along the side yard property lines can be up to 6 ft.
- **Front Yard** – front yard fences are limited to a maximum of 4 ft.
- **Corner Lots:** Fences are subject to additional setback requirements for corner lots. A corner lot is considered to have two front yards –the addressed front yard and the non-addressed front yard.
 - **Addressed front yard** - fences are limited to a maximum of 4 ft.
 - **Non-addressed front yard:**
 - 4 ft fences can extend to the property line.
 - 6 ft fences must adhere to a setback requirement of half the required front yard setback per your zoning district.

MINIMUM FRONT YARD REGULATIONS

District	Front Yard Setback
R-1	25 ft
R-2	25 ft
R-3	15 ft

Example: The R-1 district has a 25-foot front yard setback. A 12.5 ft setback is required for the placement of a 6ft fence on the non-addressed side.

Easements:

As outlined above, fences can be placed directly on the property lines in many cases; however, if a fence is placed within an easement area, the property owner is responsible for any repairs or removal if the fence is damaged or needs to be moved for utility access or maintenance.

Unsure if your property has an easement?
 Contact a licensed surveyor.

Floodplain Considerations:

If your property is located in a designated floodplain, additional requirements may apply to fence installations. Fences in floodplains should be designed to allow water flow during heavy rainfall or flooding events to prevent obstruction and minimize potential property damage. Be sure to check with the Community Development Department for specific requirements related to floodplain areas.

Required Inspections: Call 785-263-2355 or 785-200-0541 to schedule.

- **When:** Upon completion of the project.
- **Includes:** Placement and height compliance.