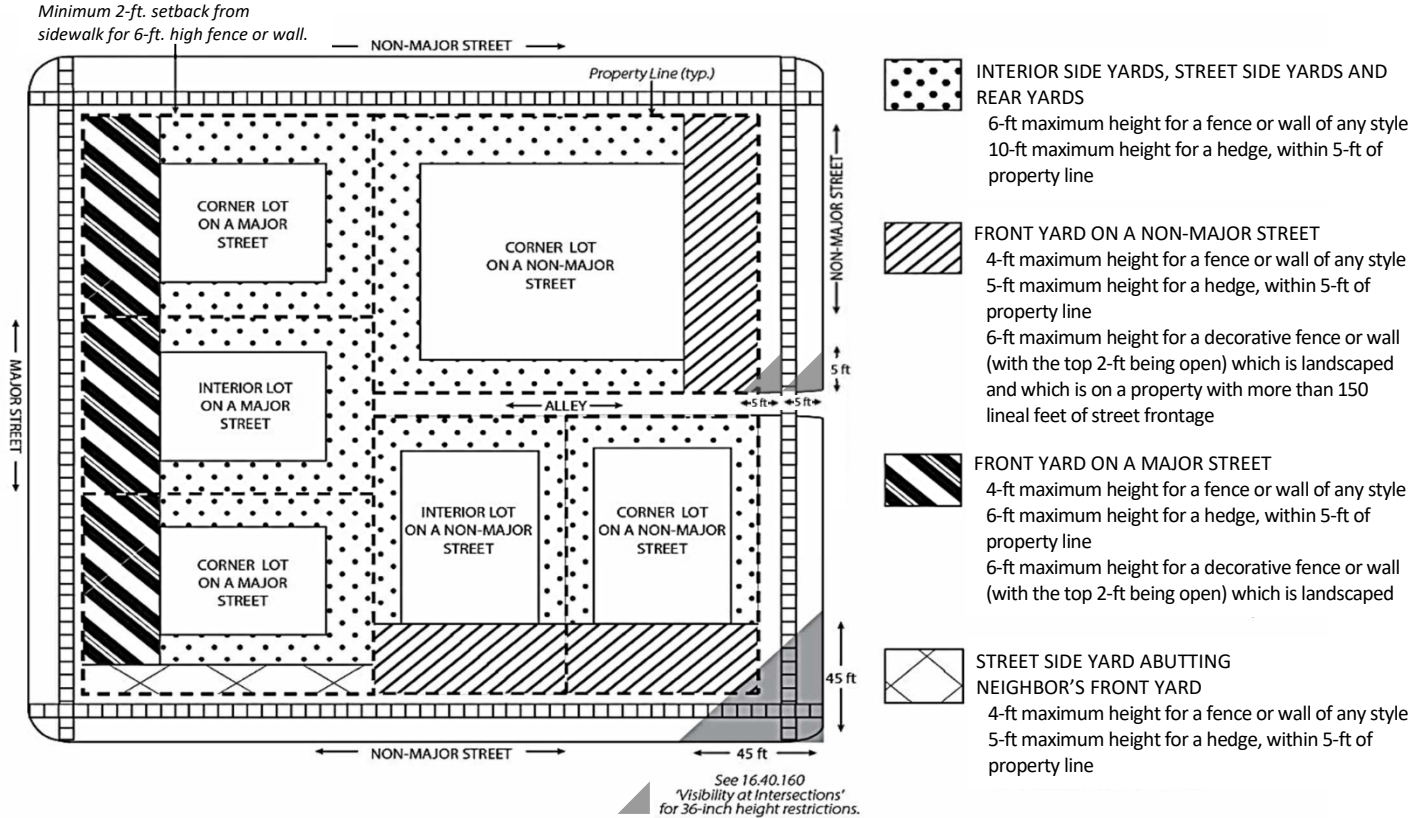


# FENCE, WALL, AND HEDGE REGULATIONS

## For one- and two-unit residential properties

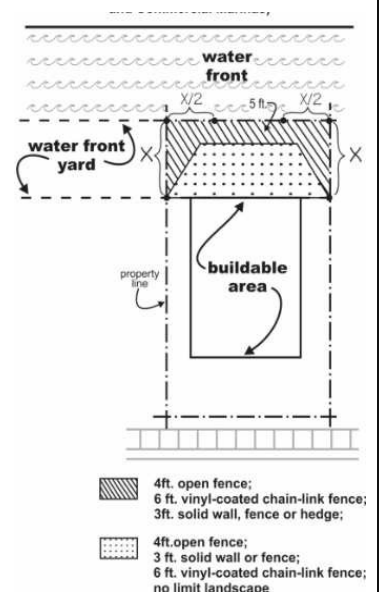
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**Where can I put my fence, wall, or hedge, and how tall can it be?** Fences, walls, and hedges may be installed as shown in the diagrams below. To determine your yards, go to [www.StPete.org/LDR](http://www.StPete.org/LDR) and use the **GIS Zoning Map Lookup** to determine your zoning district; then scroll down Table of Contents and click on your district (NT/NS), go to "Minimum Building Setbacks" table. A survey of your property will determine the exact location of your property lines. Email your survey to [DevRev@StPete.org](mailto:DevRev@StPete.org) with questions. See [Section 16.40.040 of the Land Development Regulations](#).



### Waterfront yards

Fences, walls, and hedges located in a waterfront yard have different height, location, and design requirements than typical rear yards. The intent of this portion of the code is to preserve views while providing privacy and security to property owners.



**Definitions:**

*Decorative Fences*

A fence that is made of PVC fence material, wrought iron, or aluminum pickets, or is a painted or stained shadow-box or board-on-board type fence.



*Decorative Walls*

A wall that is masonry with a stucco finish; has a finish of natural materials, such as brick, stone, or glass block; or has a finish which is accepted for use in the industry and approved by the Zoning Official.



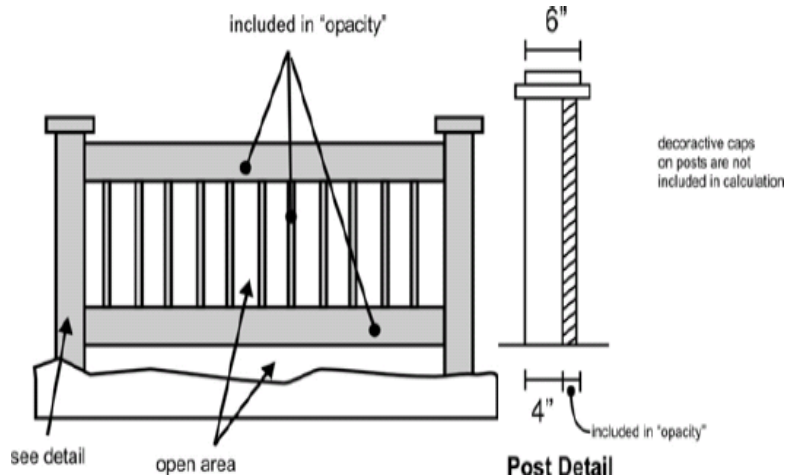
*Hedges*

A continuous arrangement of three or more shrubs which are planted and maintained to create an open space less than two feet wide by six feet high between each shrub.



**Measuring the height of your fence, wall, or hedge:** The height of a fence, wall, or hedge is measured from the existing natural grade at the location of the fence, wall or hedge.

**What is an open fence?** An *open fence* includes all fence and wall sections which have opacity of 25 percent or less, excluding vertical support posts up to four inches wide.



A *section* is a segment of fence including vertical pickets, any horizontal rails, and one supporting post, except that a post with horizontal dimensions of four inches by four inches or less shall be excluded from the calculations to determine opacity. For a post having dimensions greater than four inches on a side, that part of the dimension greater than four inches shall be included in the calculations to determine opacity.

**Design requirements:** Fences and walls are required to be installed with the finished side facing towards the exterior or adjoining properties and all adjacent streets (excluding alleys). For fences and walls located between adjoining properties, this requirement may be waived by the Zoning Official upon written approval by the adjoining property owners. Notarized letters from the adjoining owners need to be submitted to [DevRev@StPete.org](mailto:DevRev@StPete.org) for review and approval.

**Local Historic Districts:** Properties located within a local historic district are required to first obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) from the City's Urban Planning and Historic Preservation Division. Local historic districts are identified on the City's [Historic Preservation Map](#). Site walls and fences in front of, or in line with, the front façade require *public hearing* review and are generally discouraged within local historic districts. Contact [history@stpete.org](mailto:history@stpete.org) for more information.

**Do I Need a Permit?** Except for the COA requirement described above, permits are not required for fences and hedges that meet all zoning district requirements ([Section 16.40.040 of the Land Development Regulations](#)), and do not have a footer (subject to building code requirements). Walls and columns require a building permit. Contact Construction Services and Permitting at 727-893-7231 or [permits@stpete.org](mailto:permits@stpete.org) for more information.

For more information, contact the Zoning Division at (727) 893-7471, [DevRev@StPete.org](mailto:DevRev@StPete.org), or visit our webpage at <http://www.stpete.org/ldr>