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If you have questions, please contact the Code Enforcement and Zoning Administrator at 763-531-1143

The information in this pamphlet is not meant to cover all guidelines and requirements of city code. You should contact the city about required permits and specifications before beginning any project.

BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS:

- You are advised to locate all property pins prior to installing any portion of the fence. This ensures that the fence will not encroach onto neighboring properties or the boulevard portion of your lot. **See drawing on the reverse side of this sheet.** The city recommends that post footings be no closer to the property line than 12 inches.
- Fences taller than 4 feet must have posts in the ground at least ½ the height of the fence.
- Fences may not be placed within the 25 foot sight triangle at intersections, or 10 foot sight triangle where a driveway crosses a street, path or sidewalk. The sight triangles at intersections are measured from the property lines, not the curb lines. **See drawings on the reverse side of this sheet.**
- The maximum height of the fence is determined by its location. Please refer to the chart below:

	Front Yard	Side Yard	Rear Yard
Maximum Height	Up to 4 feet *	Up to 6 feet	Up to 6 feet

* If you have a corner lot, contact City Hall to find out which yard is considered the front yard by the Zoning Ordinance. (It may not be the yard you think is the front). For the purposes of the zoning regulations, the front yard on corner lots is the shorter of the two street frontages, no matter which street the house faces and no matter what the address is. The only exception is for corner lots with a front yard abutting an arterial or major collector street. In such cases, the property owner may choose which yard is the “front” yard for the purpose of determining the maximum allowable fence height. In such cases, it is especially important that the property owner contact City Hall prior to installing the fence to make sure it would be consistent with city code.

