

Residential Fences

A building permit is not required for fences not exceeding 7 feet tall in the residential areas of Marion; however, there are **Zoning Regulations** regarding height and location which shall be followed.

There are regulations in the Marion Code of Ordinances for fence placement (Section 340-10.5) and corner visual clearance (Section 340-10.4). More information below.

Fences proposed to be built in drainage or sanitary sewer easements require additional City approval. Contact the Planning Division for more information and to receive an application for a Drainage Easement Hold Harmless Agreement.

Always call IOWA ONE CALL at 1-800-292-8989 or go online at www.iowaonecall.com to have underground utilities located before you dig any holes or drive any stakes in the ground.

Zoning Regulations:

Section 340-10.5 Fences and walls.

- A. Fences or walls not exceeding six feet in height may be erected in a required yard or along the lot line, except as follows:
- (1) No opaque fence or wall may be located in a required front yard. In the context of this section, a rear yard of a double-fronted lot is not considered a "front yard."
 - (2) An opaque fence or wall may be located in a corner side yard or rear yard of a double-fronted lot in any R Zoning District, provided such fence or wall is at least 12 feet from any driveway, alley or back of street curb.
 - (3) All solid fences shall comply with the provisions of § 340-10.4 regarding corner visual clearance.
 - (4) In the context of this section, "opaque" is defined as a structure which blocks or otherwise prevents the passage of light through 50% or more of its surface area.

Section 340-10.4 Corner Visual Clearance.

In all zoning districts, except the U-1 and U-2 Districts, nothing shall be erected, placed, planted or allowed to grow on a corner lot in such a manner as to significantly impede the vision of drivers or obscure or physically interfere with an official control device described as follows: that triangular-shaped area bounded by the street right-of-way lines of a corner lot or tract and a straight line joining points on said right-of-way lines that are 30 feet from the point of intersection of said right-of-way lines. Signs are permitted subject to the provisions of § 340-8.3 of this chapter.

Contact the Marion Community Development Department – Planning Division at Marion City Hall if you have questions about fence zoning regulations.

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