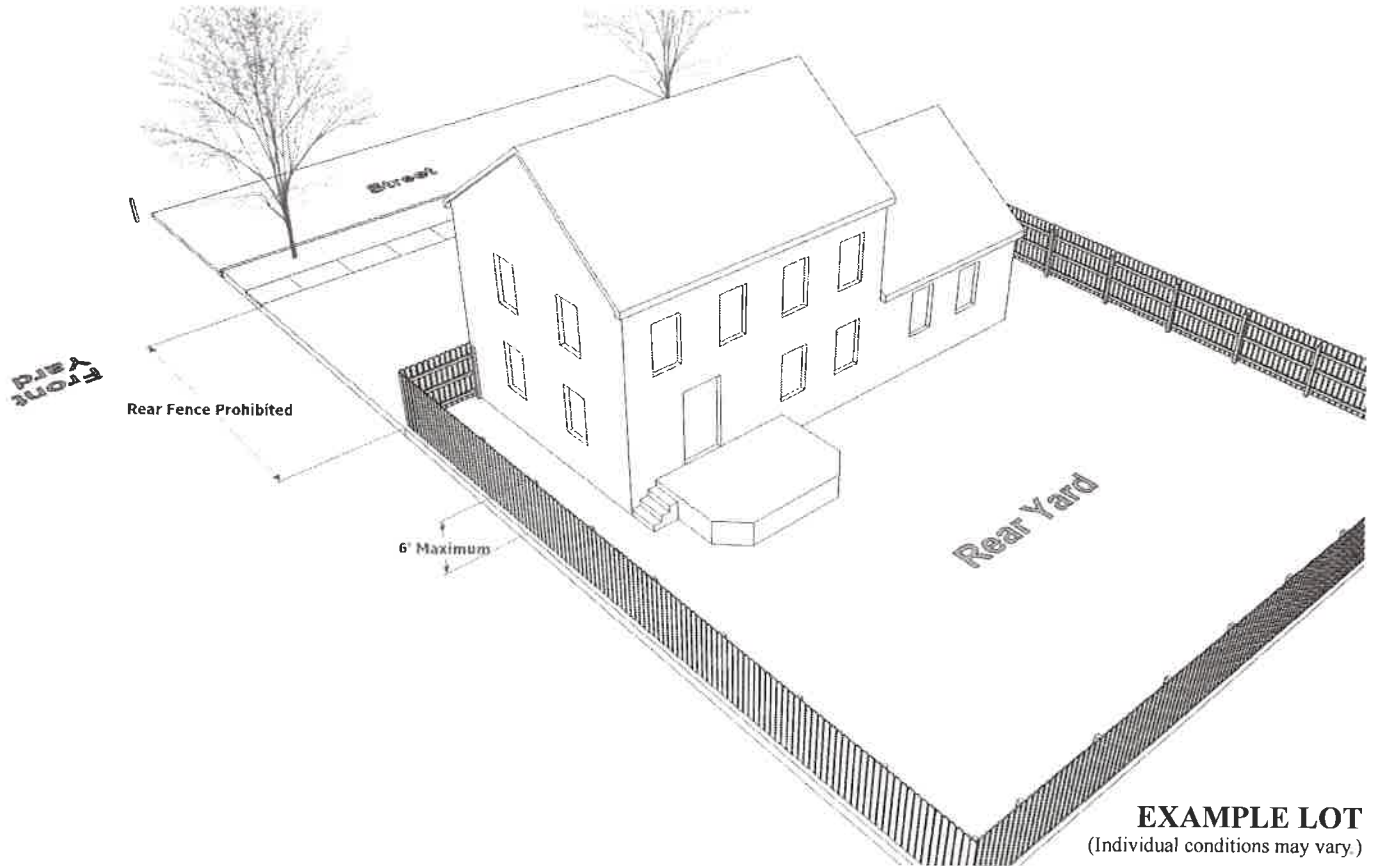


City of Reynoldsburg  
Department of Development  
Planning & Zoning Division

**Rear Yard Fence Standards  
Section 1171.06(c)**



Section 1171.06(c) Fences. Fences shall be permitted as accessory structures in all districts subject to the following requirements:

- (1) Rear Fences.
  - A. A rear fence is defined as a fence constructed between the front facade of the main structure and the rear lot line of a parcel.
  - B. Rear fences shall be no higher than six feet (6FT) in residential districts and eight feet (8FT) in commercial and industrial districts.
- (2) Front Fences.
  - A. A front fence is defined as a fence constructed between the front facade of the main structure

and the right-of-way.

B. Between the front setback line for structures and the front facade of the main structure, front fences shall be no higher than four feet (4FT).

C. Between the front setback line and the right-of-way line, front fences shall be no higher than three feet (3FT) and shall not be longer than fifty feet (50FT) in residential districts. Fences of longer distances may be permitted if approved as part of major or minor site plans subject to the reviews of Section 1143.

D. Front fences shall be no closer to the right-of-way than five feet (5FT).

E. Front fences shall be constructed of an open design, which is defined as at least fifty percent (50%) open. For picket fences, the distance between pickets shall be no less than the width of the pickets themselves.

(3) Fence Materials.

A. Fences shall be constructed of materials that match or compliment any existing structures on a lot. This includes but is not limited to, painted or treated lumber, vinyl, wrought iron, painted aluminum, brick, and stone. All lumber fences shall be constructed so that the finished boards hide the vertical and horizontal posts when viewed from adjacent lots unless the fence is constructed in such a manner that the finished look of both sides of the fence is the same.

B. No fence shall be constructed of materials such as highway guardrails, corrugated metal, metal wire or plastic mesh, or other such materials that are not designed for use as fencing material or are not sufficiently weather resistant and durable.

C. No fence shall be constructed which is electrically charged, includes any material which is potentially hazardous such as spikes or barbed wire, or is otherwise designed to injure except as provided for in this chapter.

D. Chain link fences shall only be permitted as rear fences. All chain link fences will include a horizontal rail between each set of vertical posts. Chain link fences in commercial districts must have a painted black, brown, or green finish unless another treatment is approved as part of a site plan review.

E. Chain link fences may not be utilized as a means of support for wooden privacy fences.

(4) Special Provisions for Agricultural Uses.

A. Fences containing barbs or charged with electricity may be erected to enclose areas used to contain domestic livestock in association with an approved agricultural use.

B. The Planning Administrator shall only grant a fence permit for a fence of this type after determining that the nature and location of the fence is not a danger to the public or intended to injure persons engaged in lawful activity.

(5) Special Provisions for Industrial Districts.

A. Fences containing barbs may be erected as rear fences to secure properties in industrial districts. The Planning Administrator shall only grant a fence permit for a fence of this type after determining that the nature and location of the fence is not a danger to the public or intended to injure persons engaged in lawful activity.

(6) Temporary Fences.

A. Temporary fences may be constructed without a permit for the following reasons:

i. As required due to an unsafe building, right-of-way or utility maintenance emergency.

ii. A construction fence in conjunction with a site that has active building permits.

iii. In conjunction with an approved temporary special land use permit or any special event approved through the Parks and Recreation Department. Temporary fences of this nature may only be maintained for the length of the approved permit or through the duration of the special event.

iv. Temporary horticultural fences are permitted as temporary fences within the area designated for rear fences. Temporary horticultural fences shall be of an open design, shall not exceed four feet (4FT) in height, and not enclose an area larger than five hundred square feet (500SF).

B. Temporary fences may be constructed of materials or in a manner not consistent with the provisions of this chapter, but shall not be constructed in a manner designed to cause a hazard to public safety.

C. In the event a temporary fence exists for a period of thirty (30) days or more, and the Planning Administrator determines that it is a hazard to public safety, the Planning Administrator may require a fence permit or that the fence comply with any provision of this chapter.

(7) Fence Regulations.

A. All fences, unless specifically exempt by this chapter, shall require a fence permit from the Planning Administrator. No fence shall be erected, constructed, altered, relocated or rebuilt prior to obtaining a fence permit. An existing fence that requires new vertical posts to be set shall be considered an altered fence, and subject to a new permit. For the purposes of this chapter, a fence permit shall have the same effect as a zoning certificate in proving conformance with the Zoning Code.

B. Fences shall only be constructed in conformance with the provisions of this chapter and of the fence permit issued by the Planning Administrator.

C. No fence shall be installed in a manner or location which obstructs or alters the drainage of the lot on which it is located or of any abutting lot. All fences that are constructed abutting or across drainage easements shall be subject to the following additional regulations:

i. Shadow box fences and fences of an open design, which is defined as at least fifty percent (50%) open will be the preferred fence styles. For picket fences, the distance between pickets shall be no less than the width of the pickets themselves.

ii. Privacy fences shall provide a gap between the vertical boards and the ground of no less than two inches (2IN).

D. Lots in the S-1 Special district or lots with approved recreation facility uses may be permitted to construct chain link fences no higher than twenty feet (20FT) high that do not enclose an area greater than thirty-five thousand square feet (35,000SF) and are customarily associated with athletic facilities.

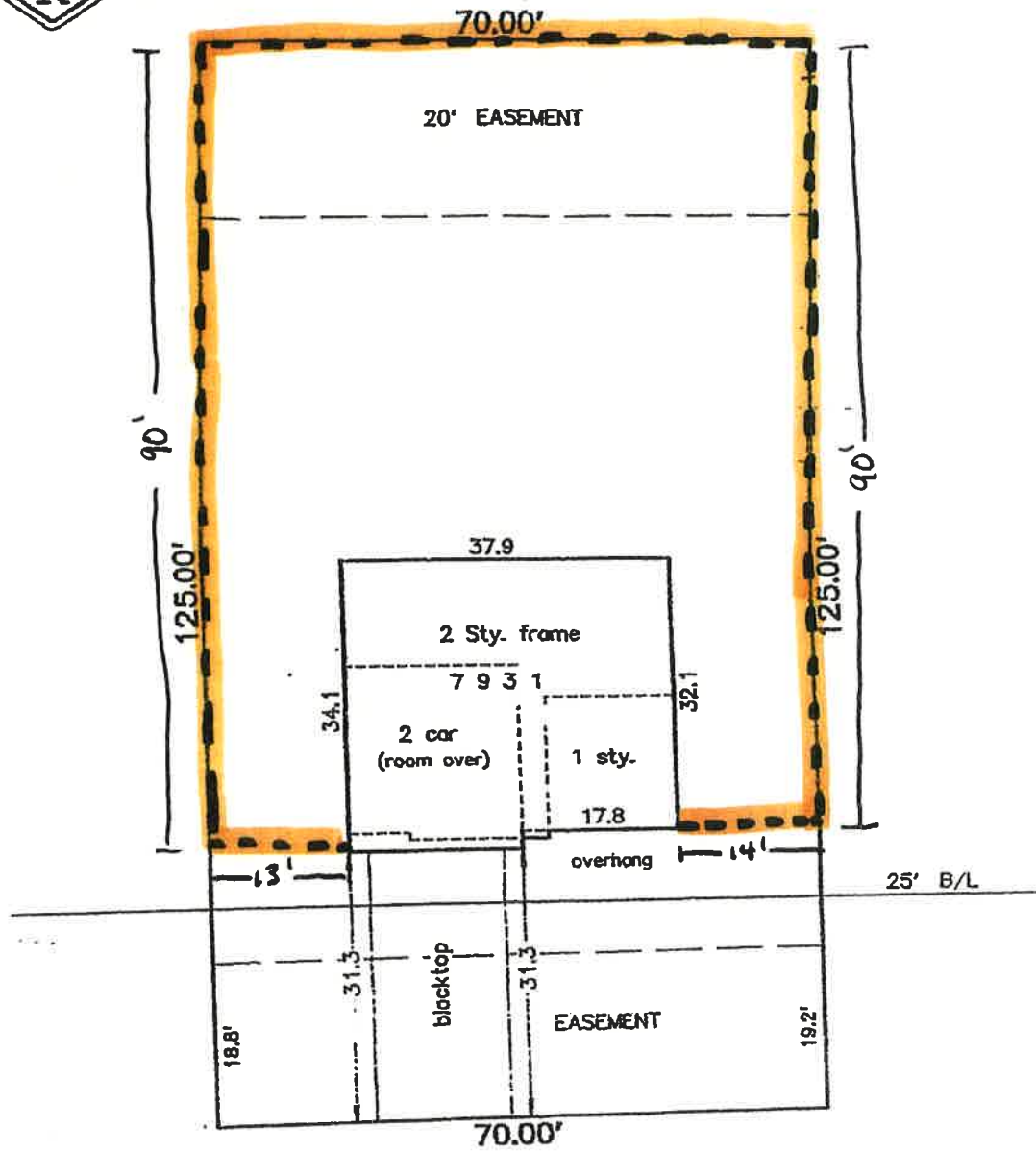
E. Fences may be inspected for compliance with the provisions of this Zoning Code. If any fence is installed, erected, constructed or maintained in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter, the Planning Administrator may notify the owner or lessee of the fence in question to repair or replace the fence so as to comply with this chapter or to remove it.

**Additional Notes:**

- Property owners are responsible for determining the boundaries of their lot.
- The finished side of a fence must face out.
- There may be deed restrictions and/or neighborhood covenants which restrict the height and material of fencing on a lot. Check with your home owners association for any applicable requirements.
- Property owners will be responsible for the removal of fences located within any easement should the need for access across the easement arise.



Scale 1" = 20'  
Date: 04/29/2014



Example Plot Plan  
w/ Proposed Fence