

## FENCE GUIDELINES FOR THE CITY OF WATERLOO

The City of Waterloo does not issue building permits for fences; however, the following requirements apply per Section 40-4-3 of the City of Waterloo Zoning Code, AG105.2 and AM103.1.3 of the 2006 International Residential Code:

- A. For the purpose of minimizing traffic hazards at street intersections, obstructions higher than two (2) feet above the adjacent top of the curb or street elevation, whichever is higher, cannot be planted, placed, or erected on any corner lot within the triangular portion of land designated as "restricted area" in Figure 1 (*attached for reference*).
- B. No barbed wire or other sharp pointed fence and no electrically charged fence shall be erected or maintained other than in agricultural districts.
- C. Fences in the required front yard setback area cannot be greater than four (4) feet in height. Fences not in the front yard setback area cannot be greater than six (6) feet in height.
- D. Fences may be located along lot lines subject to the heights in (C) above.
- E. Fencing used as a hot tub, spa or swimming pool barrier must be at least four (4) feet in height.
- F. Yards used as part of a daycare operation, including home daycares, must have a fence at least six (6) feet in height.
- G. Fences in the required front or side yard setback area may not be constructed of chain-link material.

In addition to the above, the following guidelines apply:

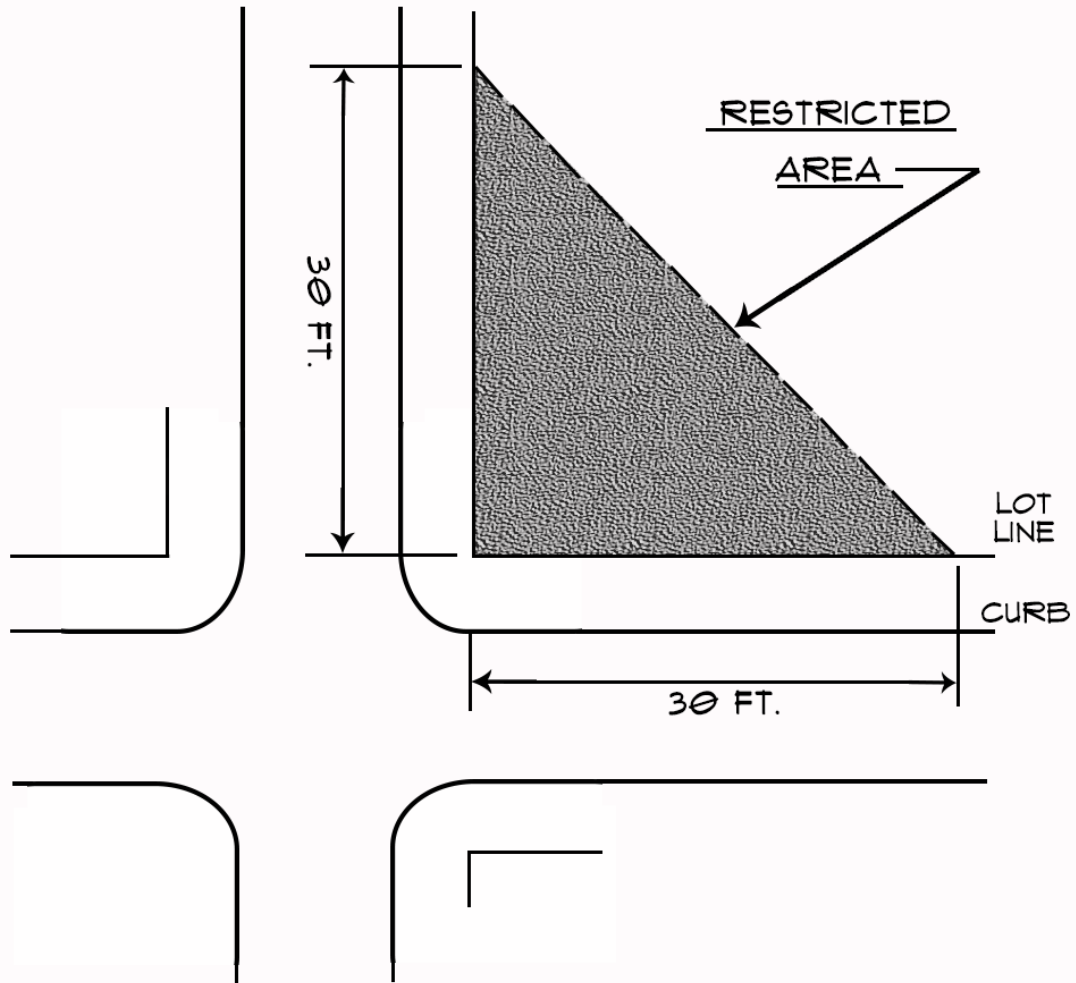
- A. JULIE (800.892.0123) or 811 must be called prior to digging to locate utilities. Forty-eight (48) hours' notice is required.
- B. Fence posts on wooden fences must be on the owner's side of the fence.
- C. No structure, including fences, may be built within or upon any public right-of-way.
- D. Utility or other public easements must not be obstructed.
- E. Be sure to check whether there are restrictive covenants in your subdivision that regulate fences. These are private agreements between owners and developers or associations, and the City does not get involved in these.

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*FIGURE 1 ON SECOND PAGE*

FIGURE 1



NOTE: 2' HEIGHT LIMIT ON FENCES, WALLS,  
AND HEDGES IN RESTRICTED AREA.

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