

Fencing setback discussion points:

Discussion on language of current code on fencing setback requirements.

Current code:

401.1.

No solid construction **fence** or any form of shrubbery on a lot line or within **two feet** of said lot line shall exceed the following specific requirements:

(a)

Front lot line: Maximum height shall not exceed three feet above the ground level.

(b)

Side lot line: Maximum height **shall not exceed four feet above the ground** level Unless the portion which exceeds four feet is 65 percent or more open.

(c)

Rear lot line: Maximum height shall not exceed six feet above the ground level.

The way we have interpreted this code is that if you want to build a six foot tall solid privacy fence you have to be at least two feet off of your side lot line. This would end up creating a four foot gap between two yards that both have a privacy fence. Also a chain-link fence could be put on the lot line which would create a nearly unmanageable two foot yard gap between the chain-link and the privacy fence.

Why do we have this code?

Should the side yard two foot gap be removed? The rear lot line is still six foot. The side setback doesn't seem to have been upheld much throughout fence construction of the past.