

FENCES

There is no limit to the height of side and backyard fences. Front yard fences may not exceed 36 inches.

Q19: Should there be a height limit on side and backyard fences?

Yes	125
No	145
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YES

10 feet

10 feet unless there's a hardship situation

10 max, unless incorporated into green solutions that promote screens, such as wire and vines

10'? Some limit is better than none. 6' would be the absolute minimum.

6 feet like Austin. This is a loophole that needs closing.

6 ft common. 8 ft with neighbors permission.

6' max height unless approved by the neighbor.

6-8 feet, again depending on topography. Given how some new houses have impinged on neighbor privacy, perhaps 8 feet would be appropriate in some places.

6-8 foot fence height is adequate

6-8 ft.

7 feet

7'

8' back and side on interior lots - 8' back with 6' on side of corner lots may create a more open feeling

8 feet

8 feet limit if affected neighbors agree. Also, eliminate the "cheat" of building a 6 foot fence on top of a 2 foot masonry footing.

8 feet maximum height on sides and back.

8 feet.

8 ft

8'

8ft

8ft. Also, Should allow for 4ft. fences when people want to put pools in side or front yards on unusual lots.

9ft seems plenty high

A limit on fence height enhances neighborhood appeal.

a side yard on a corner lot should not have a solid fence more than 36 inches

Agree as long as the maximum is not less than 7' in height.

An 8 foot limit should be adopted.

And there should be no front yard fences. How that got into the rules is beyond me.

Big walls from the neighbors are ugly and I have to see them as part of my yard.

Blanket approval of 6' maximum fence height along side and rear lines. Special permission to 8' maximum when agreed upon in writing by property owners on both sides of a fence.

But they should also be based on topography and location of lots.

Case by case- no one wants to look at a huge fence next door

Don't really care about back fences as much

I am not sure a fence needs to exceed 10-12 feet (depending on slope), but there should be a requirement that the immediate neighbor agrees with the height of the fence.

I like my 8' fences for privacy purposes, but I guess there may be some limit needed. I really do not have an informed opinion on this one.

I think side and backyard fences should be limited to 8 feet. The cinder block walls that went up on the sides and backs of the houses being built on Vale are huge & ugly.

I thought there was a height restriction for backyard fences.

I was told it was 8 feet. Guess that is not official

I would say a standard height of 6 ft., with an allowance to go up to 8 ft. if all neighboring properties agree.

I'm not sure what the appropriate height is but there should be a limit in place so people can't excessively wall off their properties.

I'm ok with having limits on side and back fences for the same reasons we have limits on the houses themselves and it's impact on the lot. But, there would need to be some flexibility in the rules to

accommodate the many reasons people put up fencing (by dimension and type of fencing). My point here is, while i agree on limitation, it needs to be a carefully thought out and logical code.

It can't be ridiculous like the side of a 5 story building

It really comes down to purpose and aesthetics - a significant slope and jump worthy dog may need a higher fence.

ITS NOT A NEIGHBORHOOD IF IT LOOKS LIKE A PRISON, RETENTION WALL, ETC. PLUS IT AFFECTS AIRFLOW AND THOSE THAT HAVE MONSTER FENCES ARE ACTUALLY HURTING THEIR LAWNS BY SMOTHERING THEM.

Just keep it reasonable

Keep things reasonable. I'm ok with tall fences but there should be limits

level fencing should be allowed with 6 feet height at highest natural slope

Maximum 6 -8 feet.

More research needed as sloped lots need to be taken into account but need to avoid someone putting up a 30 foot fence/wall. I'd favor no more than 10-12 in a normal situation with some sort of allowance in a unique sloped situation

no more than 10 feet

No more than 6 ft.

One or two ugly ones around. Less ugly would be good! 6 feet seems about right.

probably 6 feet on side fences unless agreed to by affected neighbor than 8 feet and up to 8 feet on backyard,

Should be limited to normal privacy fence height.

Standardize and keep consistent.

There should be some reasonable height max.

There should probably something that prevents the egregious. I haven't seen it but I can imagine an unusually high fence would be an eyesore.

This has gotten weird lately. What is it with these super tall fences. I do support a height restriction.

This is tricky and I only say "yes" because I fear this is open to abuse - even unintentionally given the construction boom in this city.

This should be set just to protect against egregious fence heights (e.g., a 20 foot fence)

Unless all neighbors agrees that would be along the fence line

we don't want 20' walls between properties

We should also address retaining walls as well. Right now these are built on property lines and with a slope it's a fence to the property downslope

We should also allow 4' fences in front yards to allow for pool fencing issues.

YES!! Neighbor's 10'+ fence on my southern boundary KILLED my lawn and landscaping--along with the new 35' house built right on setback.

Yes, but (and I know this is likely a non-starter) they should also increase the height for front yard fences to allow for front courtyards

Yes, there should be limits. It is paradoxical to prohibit certain builds in a setback, yet allow a fence/wall of ANY height ON THE PROPERTY LINE. In some cases, retaining walls of great height are built, and then a 6 foot fence is placed on top of the wall. Incredible!

Yes. But we need to resolve the conflicts between max front yard fence heights versus minimum fence heights for pool enclosures.

You should increase the height of your fence in the front yard as 36 inches is not sufficient to keep dogs in the yard or small children from crawling out

NO

36 inches should be changed to 48 inches so pools can be adequately insured and the public protected.

Absolutely not - especially in instances when neighbors lots are geographically much higher up than yours.

Allow residents who back up to Austin to have unlimited fencing heights since Austin residences can build their homes near the fence line due to more relaxed Austin rules.

As long as they can't run their side fences up to the street where you can't see oncoming traffic

Do whatever is wanted to provide privacy.

Given the varied topography of our neighborhood, I don't think it logistically makes sense. You are potentially creating the need for more "exceptions".

However, there must be a "good neighbor" review/policy.

I am fine if folks want to build a higher fence in the back yard. I think that there SHOULD be a height limit on side fences on a corner, that face the street/pedestrian traffic.

I don't feel strongly on side and back yard fences. I do not like any front yard fences.

If a family wants a front gate/fence for safety/privacy shouldn't they be allowed to do so. 36" in the front isn't protecting or adding any privacy

If a neighbor has built a 35' - 45' structure on the setback, I see know problem with building a structurally sound fence for my privacy. Fix other problems first, then revisit this.

Let people make their own decisions in this regard.

Lots are big and privacy is important

No, I think we should allow for privacy

One of the only tools for regaining privacy is to build a fence that blocks my neighbor from viewing my life

other than to say not 25 foot tall, or something ridiculous.

Privacy is important. Especially given all the prior questions on height, setback, etc.

Set an areas where someone can materially you're the one that block a view

Taller front yard fences should also be allowed for owner privacy and security given the increasing rate of break ins etc

There is too much variation in topography of our lots.

There should be restrictions on the materials and construction style of tall fences to ensure they are not an eye-sore.

There should not be front yard fences.

This is a solution to the other problems. Particularly if both neighbors agree then why should the city intervene?

This is particularly personal to me... the city approved the plans for the guy next door to me to build an elevated pool that now sits at the heights of my 6 foot fence... to achieve any privacy I will now need to build a 10 or even higher fence... the city is creating these problems... then don't approve these things that require the next door homeowner to solve the problem...

This is private property and no reason to restrict it

Unless it's so high and blatantly blocking neighbors views

When we came to Rollingwood the 'front fence' was a retaining wall only, but now we have fenced in front yards. Since we maintain this I think 36 inches along front and front sides to build line is appropriate and then at building line the fence can increase height. Might be OK with 10/12 foot height restriction.

With the topography of RW and ever-higher homes being built next door, sometimes high fences are needed to ensure privacy.