

Building a Fence?

The City of Melville's Zoning Bylaw 04/2013 sets out the regulations governing the height and location of fences built on residential properties. Fences built within these regulations require a Development Permit however, they do not require a Building Permit. If in doubt about the compliance of a proposed fence, contact the Planning Department at the City of Melville.

- In Residential Districts, no fence, wall, hedge, or other closed landscaping shall be to a height of more than 1 m above grade level in any required front yard or more than 2 m above grade level in any required side or rear yard.
- In Commercial and Industrial Districts, no fence, wall, hedge, or other closed landscaping shall be to a height of more than 2 meters above grade level in any required front yard or more than 2 meters above grade level in any required side or rear yard.
- In the case of corner lots, fences measured along the property line shall not exceed height of 1m for a distance of 5m back both ways from the corner of the lot.
- A barrier fence for a salvage yard must be a minimum of 3m above grad level and no more than 5m above grade level.
- Fences and vegetation (i.e.: hedges, shrubs) less than 1m in height will not be permitted if they obstruct the view of vehicle traffic.

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Residential Fences

Zoning Regulations for the
Placement of Fences in
Residential Districts

*(this brochure does not include fence
requirements for private swimming pools and
spas)*

***FENCES MUST BE MAINTAINED IN A SAFE AND
REASONABLE STATE OF REPAIR***

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be used as an official interpretation of the
various codes and regulations currently in
effect. The City of Melville accepts no
responsibility to persons relying solely on this
information.*

Frequently Asked Questions

Who do I need to notify?

To avoid serious injury or disruption of utility services, you should contact Sask 1st Call at least 48 hours prior to digging so that all utility lines can be properly located and marked. There is no fee for this service.

Sask 1st Call:

Online: sask1stcall.com

Toll Free Call: 1-866-828-4888

How are property lines determined?

A Surveyor's Certificate or a Real Property Report prepared by a Saskatchewan Land Surveyor can be used to accurately locate property lines. It is the responsibility of the property owner to ensure the accurate location of fencing relative to property lines.

Is the front property line located adjacent to the sidewalks?

In most cases, the front property line is not located adjacent to the sidewalk. Often, a City boulevard exists between the sidewalk and the property line. The width of this boulevard may vary from one street to the next and can be verified by contacting the City of Melville Public Works & Planning Services at 306.728.6865

Does the front of the house always face the front property line?

Not necessarily. The narrowest width of the lot is generally considered the front of the property. If you are unsure as to the location of your front yard, contact the City of Melville Planning Department.

What type of fence is permitted?

The choice of design, construction, and materials are up to the individual. However, fences must be maintained in a safe and reasonable state of repair.

How is the height of a fence measured?

The height of a fence is the distance from the ground level immediately adjacent to the fence, to the highest point of the fence.



If a neighbour is building a fence between two properties, is the other party obligated to pay half of the cost of building the fence?

Co-operation between neighbours often results in cost-shared projects. The City of Melville has no jurisdiction in disputes arising over fence construction or maintenance, as these matters fall within provincial jurisdiction and can be resolved through civil litigation.

What about a fence around a swimming pool?

The regulations of fences around swimming pools are not addressed in this pamphlet. Contact the City of Melville Planning Department prior to construction. Regulations regarding swimming pools can be found in Bylaw No. 16/2000