

**OFC USE**

**FEES:**

**Application Fee: \$75.00**

**PAID** \_\_\_\_\_



**Planning & Zoning Approval  
must precede Fence Permit  
Application.**

P&Z Approval Date:  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Fence Permit Application

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph# \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Parcel ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Description of Property: \_\_\_\_\_

Application is hereby made to obtain a permit to do the work and installations as indicated. I certify that NO WORK or installation/ has commenced prior to the issuance of a permit and that all work will be performed to meet the standards of all laws regulating construction in this jurisdiction. I understand that separate permits must be secured for structural work, electrical, plumbing, signs, roofing, pools, furnaces, boilers, heaters, tanks, and air conditioners, etc.

Height of Fence: Front: \_\_\_\_\_ Rear: \_\_\_\_\_ L Side: \_\_\_\_\_ R Side: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach approved documents submitted to Planning & Zoning (which must include detailed drawings of fence location, heights and materials to be used in construction of fence).

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Owner's Affidavit: I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and that all work will be done in compliance with all applicable laws regulating construction and zoning.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner or Agent

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Code Enforcement Officer

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# CITY OF APALACHICOLA

## Codes Made Simple

### Section 111-288(e) Fences



### RESOURCES:

To learn more about the City of Apalachicola Land Development Code (LDC) fence regulations, we encourage you to take advantage of the following resources:

- For new fences,
  - Contact the City Planner, Bree Robinson, 850-323-0985, [brobenson@cityofapalachicola.com](mailto:brobenson@cityofapalachicola.com).
  - Access the Planning & Zoning Application <https://www.cityofapalachicola.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Planning-Zoning-Application-2023.pdf>
- For repair or replacement of a fence,
  - Contact the Code Enforcement Officer, PJ Erwin, 850-653-8222, [perwin@cityofapalachicola.com](mailto:perwin@cityofapalachicola.com).
  - Access the Fence Application Permit: <https://www.cityofapalachicola.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/FENCE-PERMIT-APPLICATION.pdf>
- Online Code of Ordinances:  
[https://library.municode.com/fl/apalachicola/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=SPBLADECO](https://library.municode.com/fl/apalachicola/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=SPBLADECO)  
Ordinances regarding fences may be found under Sec. 111.288(e).

Note: This document applies only to residential properties zoned R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, and O/R. Questions regarding commercial properties should be directed to the Building Department, Ron Nippe 850-653-7592, [rnippe@cityofapalachicola.com](mailto:rnippe@cityofapalachicola.com), [buildingdept.@cityofapalachicola.com](mailto:buildingdept.@cityofapalachicola.com).

### PERMIT PROCESS:

New fence installations or fences materially altered (i.e. more than 50% replacement) must be approved by Planning & Zoning before a permit may be issued and before work may begin. P&Z applications may be obtained at City Hall or by clicking on the link above.

Additional documentation, such as surveys and/or spec sheets may be required along with the application. Note that P&Z applications must be received by City Planner at least ten (10) business days before the P&Z meeting.

Once P&Z approval is obtained, contact the Code Enforcement Officer to apply for a permit and pay the appropriate fee. The homeowner or contractor can then commence work. Once the work is

completed, the homeowner or contractor must close out the permit and request the Code Enforcement Officer to review the fence.

### **FENCE HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS:**

Fence heights may vary, depending on zoning and location of fence. Fences shall not exceed six feet (6') in height. The height of a fence is measured as the vertical distance from the highest finished grade at the base of the fence to the top edge of the fence and includes the height of fence posts. (Decorative finials on fence posts may exceed the height of the fence but should be kept to a minimum).

**Front yard height restrictions:** Fence heights may not exceed forty-eight (48) inches. For corner lots, the two sides of the lot paralleling the two streets are considered front yards. Front yard fences on corner lots may not exceed two and one-half feet (30 inches) in height within 50 feet of the point of intersections of the two streets.

**Side and Rear yard height restrictions:** Fence heights along side and rear yards shall not exceed six (6') feet.

### **FENCE PLACEMENT RESTRICTIONS:**

Fences may be erected within the required setback area (i.e. area between the front, side, and rear property lines and the front, side, and rear setback lines).

A fence shall not be located on any property line.

A fence extending from the side of a principal structure to the side lot line shall attach to the principal structure no closer to the front lot line than where the façade is located. (The façade does not include any covered or uncovered porch, uncovered steps or uncovered balconies).