

Commercial Fence Permit

Summary of Sumner Municipal Code Requirements

Height and Setbacks

The allowable height of a fence depends on where it is located on your lot.

- Fences built at a street or alley intersection must meet sight distance requirements.
- The maximum height for a fence in the required front yard setback is 3 feet, or 4 feet if the fence provides 50 percent visibility (e.g. open pickets).
- Max. fence height is 6 feet, without an arbor/trellis.
- Some Interchange Commercial sites may qualify for a height exception under SMC 18.16.080(M).
- Arbors are allowed up to 9 feet tall and 8 feet wide.
- A trellis is allowed up to 36 inches wide and up to 2 additional feet over the maximum fence height.
- Fences are required to meet the front yard and street side yard setbacks.
- Where barbed wire and electric fencing are authorized in an Exception, the setback is 15 feet from streets.

Prohibited Fences

No barbed wire, razor wire, or electric fences are allowed in commercial zones, except in Interchange Commercial zone if an Exception is granted under SMC 18.16.080(M).

REQUIRED SIGNATURE FOR BARBED WIRE OR ELECTRIFIED FENCING:

By signature below, Owner knowingly and voluntarily certifies that he/she is aware of the risks associated with the proposed fence, that he/she accepts and retains all liability for any and all claims, damages or suits that may arise by virtue of the installation and presence of such fence, and hereby agrees to indemnify the City from said claims, damages or suits.

Property Owner _____

PRINT NAME _____

Date _____

Sight Distance Requirements

On a street corner intersection, alley, or driveway, there are sight distance requirements. This is a "triangle" along the street and driveway called the sight distance triangle, where no solid fence or visual obstruction is permitted over three feet high (see SMC 18.32.040).

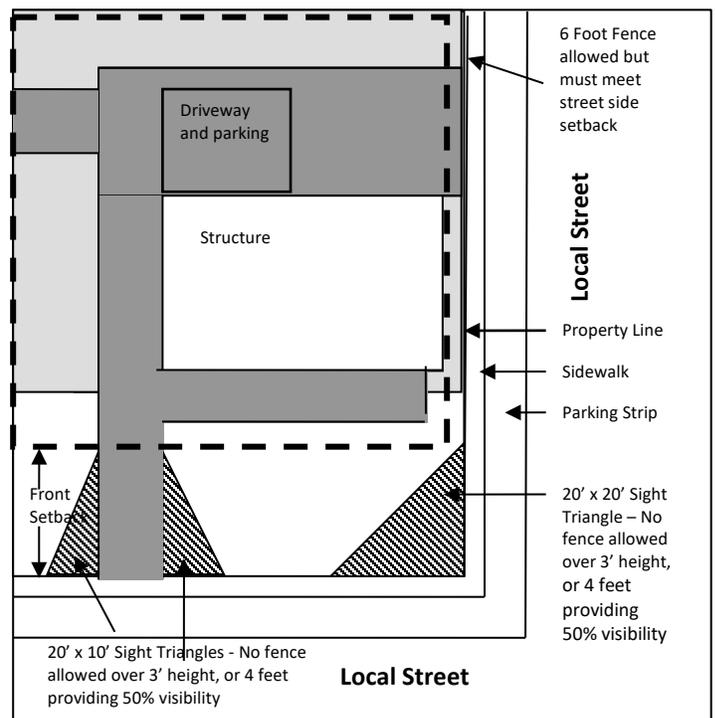
- For street and alleys the measurements are 20 feet from each corner down the property lines.
- For driveways, the measurement is 20 feet along the driveway and 10 feet along the shoulder or curb of street.
- At busy, high-speed intersections, Public Works Department may require a greater setback.

Exceptions

Some facilities may need a taller fence or special security features, such as public facilities & stormwater ponds. Exceptions to fence height and materials may also be granted for Interchange Commercial sites that demonstrate a security need per SMC 18.16.080(M)(8). To qualify for an exception, **the fence permit application must include:**

- A written statement of the security need.
- Site plan showing fence location.
- Fence elevation/section drawings with dimensions and type of material.
- Must comply with SMC 18.16.080(M)(9) and (10).

SITE ADDRESS OF FENCE INSTALLATION:



By signing this informational permit you acknowledge your understanding of the fence code and agree to abide by its requirements.

Applicant _____

Date _____

PRINT NAME _____

APPLICANT ADDRESS:

