

Fence Requirements – Updated 12.1.23

The following provides a summary of the City's requirements as an aide to property owners and contractors, but is not intended to replace or supersede the City's Municipal Code or any other adopted City regulation or requirement.

Fences must be located completely within property boundaries.

Zoning Regulations

- Many neighborhoods have Planned Unit Developments (PUDs) with specific fencing design and height requirements. These can be found through the City's [Land Use and Planning GIS Map](#).
- If a property does not have a PUD, the fence will be subject to [Section 17.16.120 of the Louisville Municipal Code](#).
 - Fences shall not exceed 4 feet in height in any front yard area, or 6 feet in height for any other area of a property.
- All fences must also meet the minimum vision clearance area requirements at intersections with streets, alleyways, and trails. Please see [Section 17.16.100 of the Louisville Municipal Code](#) as well as the diagram on the following page for more information.

Please contact the Planning Division at 303-335-4592 or Planning@louisvilleco.gov if you have questions regarding fence regulations or if you need assistance with obtaining a copy of the PUD for your property.

Submittal Checklist – NOTE: Applications must be submitted electronically

To submit an electronic permit, please see the Citizen Self Service (CSS) Online Portal webpage for more information.

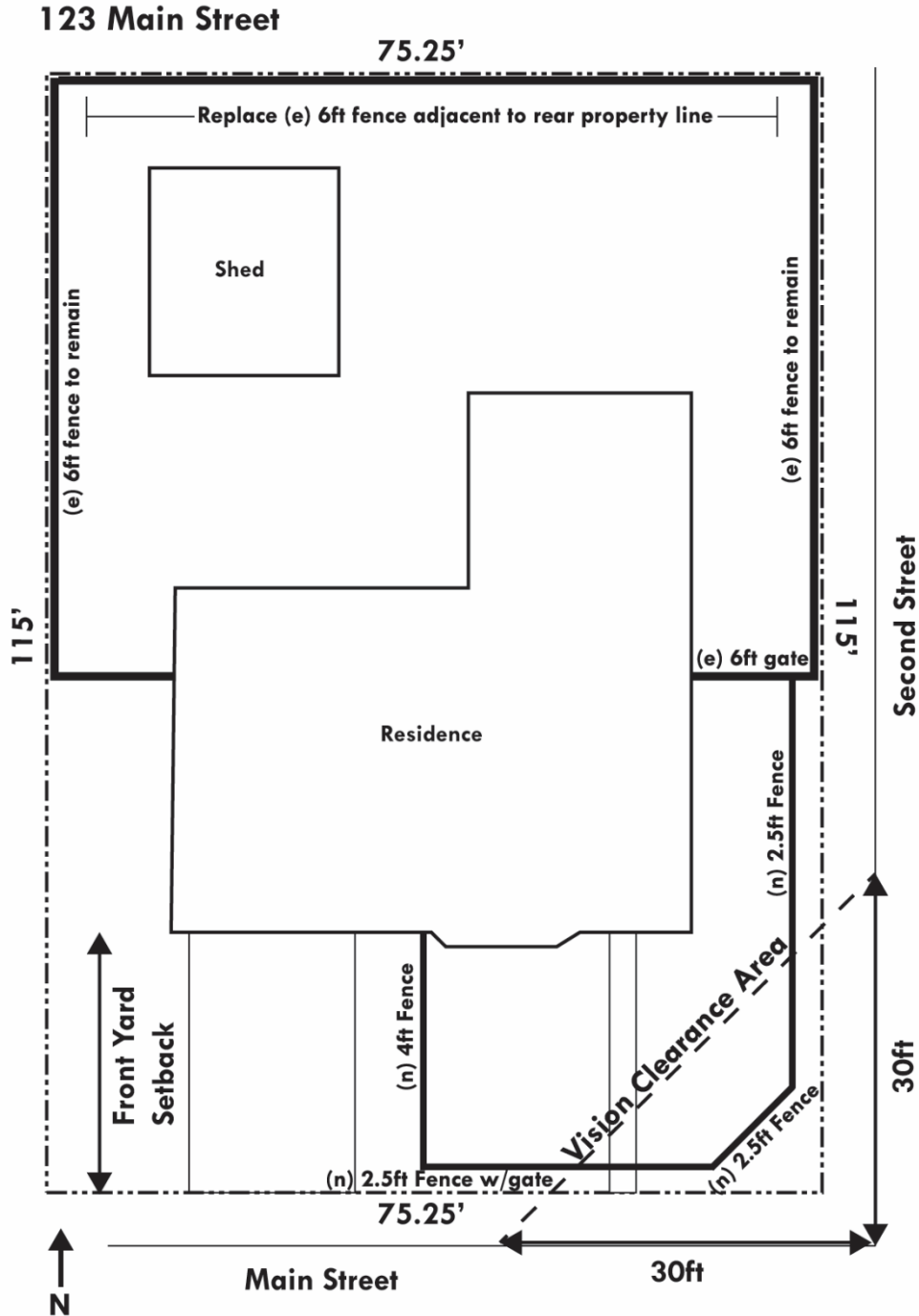
The following shall be submitted for a fence permit application:

- Construction Plans:** Any solid fence four to six feet in height must meet minimum construction standards outlined in [LMC Section 15.32.020](#). Submit construction plans demonstrating compliance or sign and submit the Solid Fence Certification Form that follows on page 4.
- Site Plan (must be to scale – see diagram example):**
 - Include property lines, north arrow, location of existing and proposed fencing, the edge of the street and/or back of sidewalk for any adjacent street, and the footprint of all structures on the property.
 - Show the height of the proposed fence and delineate any fence sections that have differing heights.
 - If a PUD includes material or design requirements, include details for fence elevations to demonstrate compliance.
 - The location of the fence must be clearly shown as within the property lines on the site plan, unless the application includes letters from adjacent property owners acknowledging that the fence will be built on a shared property line.

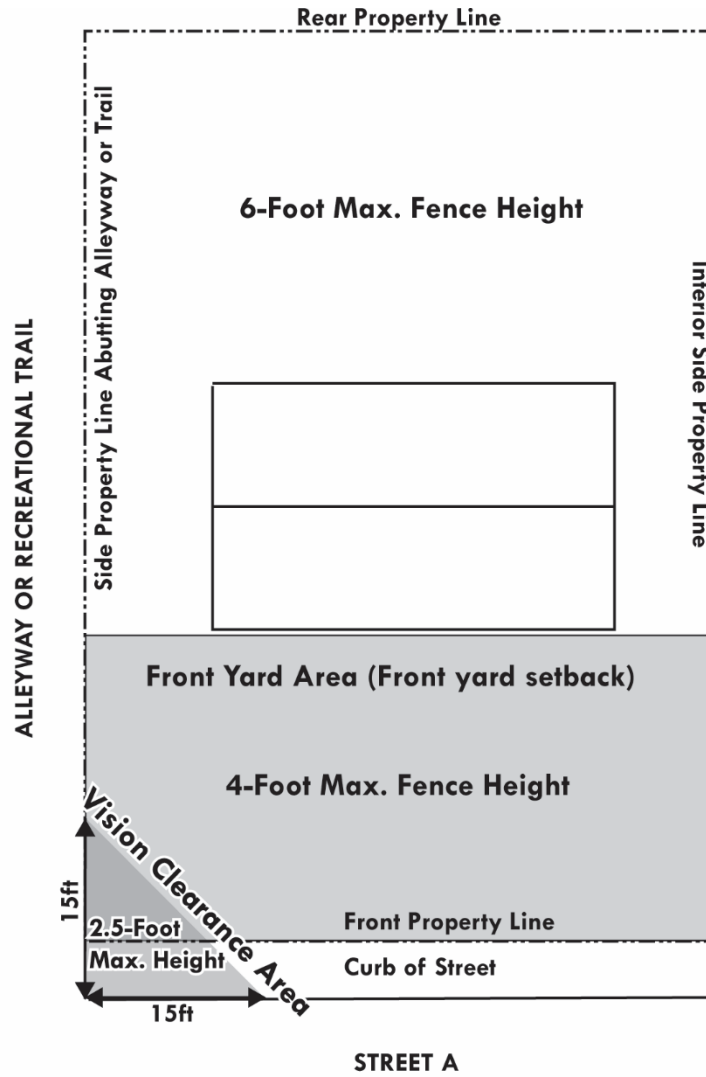
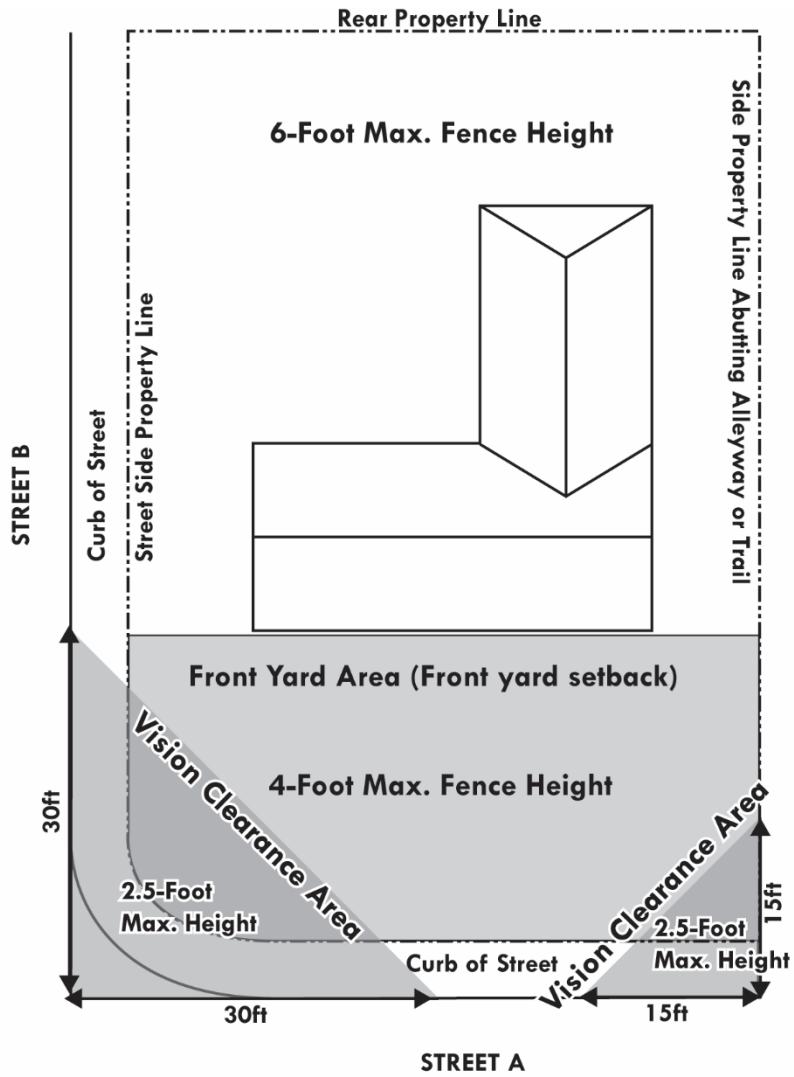
Please note the City does not review plans for compliance with private covenant agreements. Always check with your home owners association for specific restrictions.

Example Site Plan

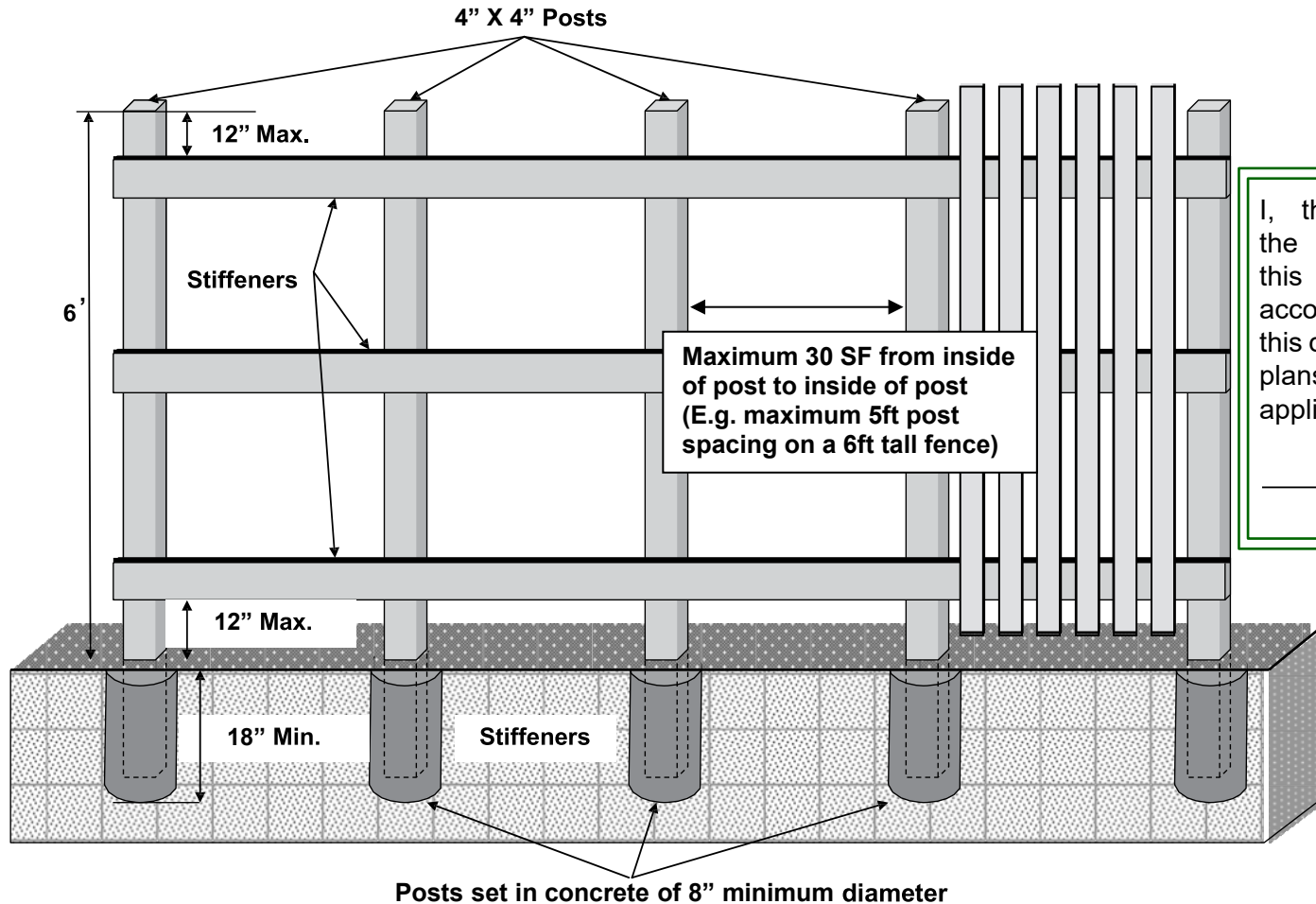
Note: The above sample Site Plan does not encompass every scenario and is intended for example use only. Additional information may be requested from staff to verify conformance with relevant codes and regulations.



Fence Height and Vision Clearance Diagram



Solid Fence Diagram & Certification Form



I, the undersigned, certify that the fence constructed under this permit will be constructed in accordance with the illustration on this document, or in accordance with plans submitted with the permit application.

Applicant signature

All solid fences must be constructed to meet the following minimum design standards ([Louisville Municipal Code Section 15.32.020](#))

1. All solid fences four feet to six feet in height shall have one four by four post, or equivalent, for every thirty square feet of fence area.
2. For fences four feet to five feet in height, two horizontal stiffeners shall be required. The lower stiffeners shall be within twelve inches of ground level and the upper stiffeners shall be twelve inches to the top of the posts.
3. For fences five feet to six feet in height, three horizontal stiffeners shall be required, equally spaced from ground level to the top of the fence.
4. All posts for fences of four feet to six feet in height shall be set in concrete at a depth of not less than one and one-half feet into the ground. Diameter of the concrete required under this section shall not be less than eight inches.
5. All fences constructed under this standard must be kept in good repair.