



RESIDENTIAL FENCE PERMIT GUIDELINES

REQUIREMENTS

- Completed Enclosure/Fence Application
- Completed Owner/Builder Affidavit (**if homeowner is applicant**)
- Notice of Commencement (**if over \$2,500.00**)

Two (2) copies of site plan showing the following:

- Fence plans including location of gates and all dimensions
- Location of canal or water way (**if property abuts either**)
- Location of a side street, if located on corner (**if property is on corner**)
- All existing structures

SETBACKS

- Fence may be constructed on rear and side of property lines. A fence within utility easements (**6ft**) is the owner's responsibility during any utility construction.
- Fence may not extend beyond the front of the primary structure.

Meters must be accessible.

- A means of access must be provided. Per LCEC, locations of meters should be easily accessible for reading, testing, and making necessary adjustments and repairs.

Alleys

- Fence must be a minimum of 10ft from rear property line.

Corner Lots

- Fence must be a minimum of 10ft from side property line that abuts street.

Waterfront Lot

- Any fence within 20ft of water must be constructed of 75% open mesh above a height of 3ft.

EXAMPLES OF TYPES OF ACCEPTABLE FENCES (Up to 6ft)

Chain Link

- Line posts set a maximum 10ft apart and set 24 inches deep.
- Concrete must extend at least 4 inches around post full depth of footing.

PVC / Wood Privacy Fence (finished side must face out)

Minimum post construction

- 4"X4" (pressure treated wood set not more than 8ft apart)
- Post footings must be set in concrete a minimum of 24 inches deep
- Concrete must extend at least 4 inches around post to full depth of footing

Swimming Pool Barrier Fence

- Must comply with FBC (Florida Building Code) (additional requirements) Section 424.2.17

This handout is to be used as a guideline and is subject to change without notice.



Waterfront Lots

Procedure for figuring fencing for 75% open mesh (1 panel calculation)

1.
$$\frac{\text{Post height in inches} \times \text{Post width in inches} \times 1}{144}$$
2.
$$\frac{\text{Rail length in inches} \times \text{Rail width in inches} \times \text{number of rails (from 1 panel)}}{144}$$
3.
$$\frac{\text{Picket height in inches} \times \text{Picket width in inches} \times \text{number of pickets (from 1 panel)}}{144}$$

Add totals together. This gives the square footage the fence is using of closed space.

Calculate the square footage of the fence panel.

Ex. A 4 foot high X 6 foot long panel = 24 square feet

Calculate the amount allowed of closed fence area, which would be 25%

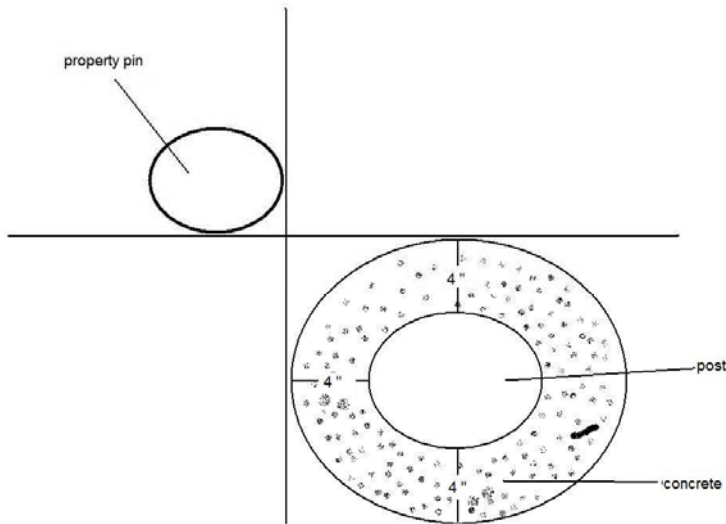
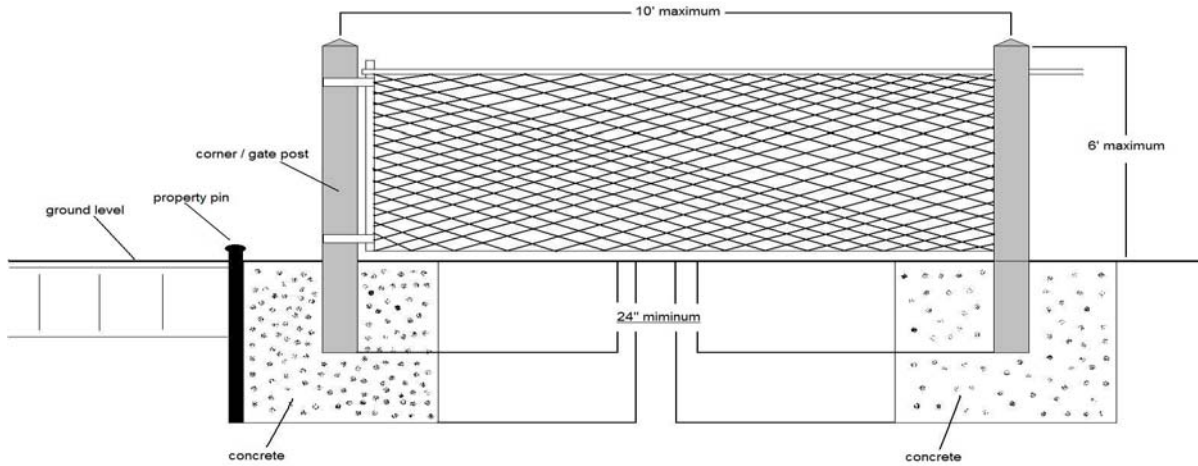
$4' \times 6' \times .25 = 6'$

This is the amount of closed space allowed on this fence panel.

The total of the post, rails, and pickets calculations should be **EQUAL TO OR LESS** than this amount.



Fence Requirements



1. Property pins must be exposed
2. Permit board and approved/reviewed drawings (site plan) must be on site
3. Fence must not exceed 6' – 0" in height
4. No part of the fence or the concrete can encroach onto other properties
5. The finished side must be facing the outside
6. Chain link fence line posts set at a maximum of 10' – 0" apart and set 24" deep 4" around post
7. All surrounding lots must be cleaned of all debris and dirt mounds leveled