



City of Fredericksburg  
**COMMUNITY PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT**  
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**FENCE AND/OR WALL PERMIT**

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Zoning District: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this property located in the Historic District? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (\$50.00 fee if ARB review required)

Is this property located in a Gateway Corridor Overlay District? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Information**

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Property Owner Information (if different from applicant)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**The following information is required to be submitted with the application:**

- Plat, tax map or sketch that shows the proposed location of the fence or wall, applicable easements and alleys
- Height of the fence or wall: **Height:** \_\_\_\_\_ feet
- Drawing, or photo, of the fence design, materials, and dimensions if located in the Historic District or a Gateway Corridor Overlay District

**By signing below, the applicant acknowledges that should any portion of the fence being erected in accordance with this permit interfere with work or access by public employees and/or their agents in the performance of their duties, the fence or portions of the fence may need to be taken down. Replacement of the fence shall be the sole responsibility of the property owner.**

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**This permit only grants permission under City Code §72-24 for a fence and/or wall on your property, based on information that you have provided. The City is not responsible for determining that you own the property on which the fence and/or wall will be placed, that all other permissions required to do so are in place (for example, permission from anyone holding an easement on the property), or that you will not be interfering with utility lines.**

<i>For Completion by the Community Planning &amp; Building Department</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved	
Comments: _____	
Development Administrator _____	Date _____
<i>If located in the Historic District:</i>	
Approved by ARB: _____	Date: _____
This decision can be appealed in accordance with City Code § 72-24.7.	Permit #: _____

**A fence application is required for all construction, substantial reconstruction or replacement of fences or walls not required for support of a principal or accessory structure, and to any other linear barrier intended to delineate different portions of a lot.**

**Temporary fences for construction sites and tree protection fencing are exempted from the application process but shall comply with the requirements of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code.**

**FENCES AND/OR WALLS:**

1. Applicant/property owner is responsible for property boundary locations and any error in fence locations.
2. Authorization from the Architectural Review Board may be required if the fence or wall is to be constructed in the Historic District.
3. Fences or walls shall be located outside of the public right-of-way, and may not exceed 24 inches in height if located within a sight triangle.
4. Fences and walls are permitted on the property line between two or more parcels of land held in private ownership.
5. Fences and walls may be located within any required yard.
6. It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that any fences located within easements of any kind or around fire protection facilities, have the necessary authorization from the easement holder. If the City is the easement holder, the Department of Public Works must authorize the proposed structure within the easement. The City shall not be responsible for damage to fences that must be removed by an easement holder to access such easements or facilities.
7. No fence or wall shall be installed so as to block or divert a natural drainage flow onto or off of any other land unless subject to an approved stormwater management plan. Temporary fencing to protect existing trees, limit sedimentation, or erosion is permitted.
8. Fences and walls shall be installed so as not to disturb or damage existing vegetation or installed plant material, to the maximum extent practicable. The perimeter fencing or wall for a single development shall be of a uniform style that complies with the standards of Section 72-56 of the Unified Development Ordinance.
9. Height of fences and walls is measured from the established grade on the highest side of the fence or wall.
10. A fence or wall in any residential district shall not exceed six feet in height in any side or rear yard and shall not exceed four feet in height within the front setback.
11. A fence or wall in any non-residential district shall not exceed ten feet in height in any side or rear yard and shall not exceed six feet in height within the front setback.
12. General Height Standards:

LOCATION ON A LOT	MAX. HEIGHT FOR OPAQUE FENCE OR WALL (FT) [1]	MAX. HEIGHT FOR TRANSPARENT FENCE OR WALL [1] [2](FT)	
		RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT	NON-RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT
Within Sight Triangle	2	2	2
Within Front Setback	4	4	6
All Other Areas	6	6	8

**NOTES:**

[1] Maximum heights may be exceeded subject to approval by special use permit.

[2] Transparent fences or walls are constructed so that 50 percent or more of the fence or wall is visually permeable.

**See Section 72-56.2 of the Unified Development Ordinance for additional height standards.**