

# A GUIDE TO LANDSCAPE SCREENS AND FENCES

This guide is intended to explain the landscape screen and fence regulations pertaining to location and height in the District of Maple Ridge. This guide has been prepared for convenience only and is not intended to take the place of municipal bylaws.

The District's Zoning Bylaw outlines the regulations for landscape screens and fences. A landscape screen is a visual barrier composed of a continuous evergreen hedge, wooden fence, masonry wall or a combination of the above, which is broken only by access drives, lanes and walkways.

## General Requirements

A landscape screen or fence, up to 1.2 metres in height, can be located anywhere on the lot except in the case of a corner lot where traffic visibility restrictions apply (see below).

On all properties zoned Agricultural, Single Family and Multi-Family residential, landscape screens or fences up to 2.0 metres in height can be located anywhere behind the front yard setback line. In the case of a corner lot, it must also be located behind the exterior side yard setback line (see Figure 1).

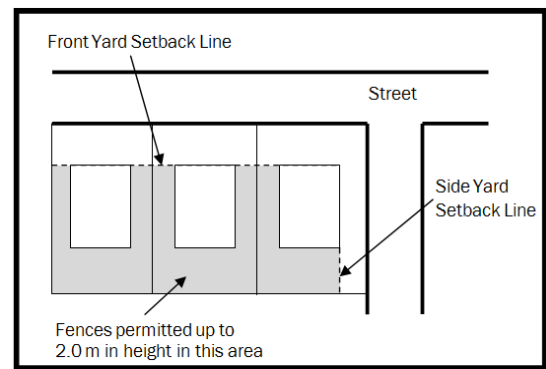


Figure 1

In the case of a panhandle lot, a landscape screen or fence up to 2.0 metres in height may be located anywhere on the property except on the panhandle portion.

## Corner Visibility Restrictions

On a corner lot no fence, wall, hedge, bush, shrub or tree can be higher than 1 metre within 7.5 metres from the intersection of property lines (see Figure 2 or Figure 3 for a rounded corner).

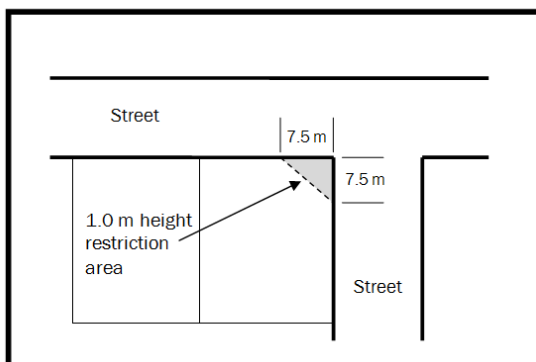


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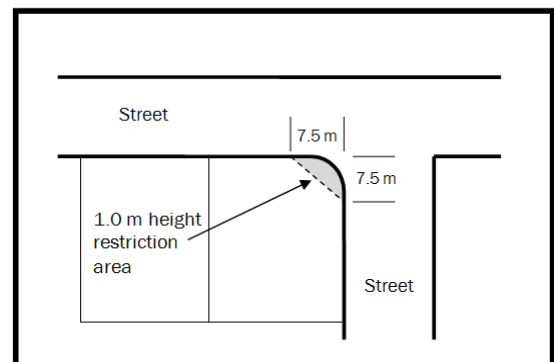


Figure 3

### Corner Visibility Restrictions (continued)

Where a lane intersects a street or another lane, the distance from intersecting property lines reduces to 6.0 metres (see Figure 4).

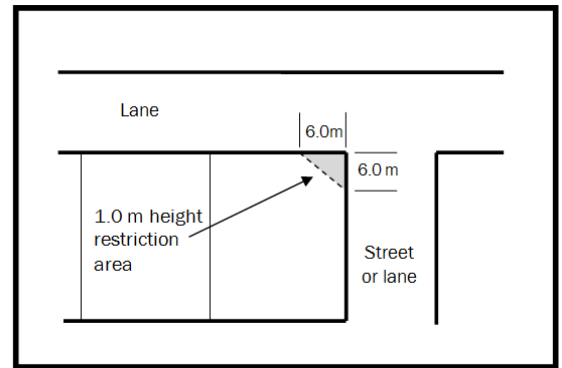


Figure 4

### Chain Link Fence

A chain link fence up to 3.6 metres in height can be located on any portion of all properties zoned Agricultural, Institutional and the Industrial zones limited to M-1, M-2, M-4 and M-5.

On property zoned Commercial, Service Commercial and M-3 (Industrial) a chain link fence up to 2.0 metres in height can be located to the rear of the front face of a building or to the rear of the required front lot line setback, whichever is greater. In the case of a corner lot, a chain link fence can be located to the exterior side lot line setback or to the building face on the exterior side lot line, whichever is greater (see Figure 5). The proposed fence must also meet corner visibility restrictions as outline above.

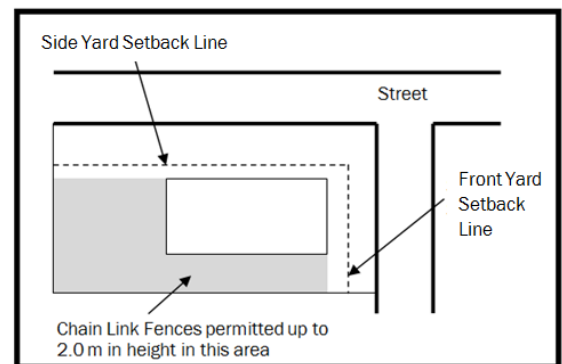


Figure 5

### Barbed or Razor Wire Fencing

Barbed or razor wire is only permitted on properties zoned;

- a) Agricultural, RS-2 and RS-3 (Single Family Residential); and
- b) Industrial, C and CS (Commercial) and Institutional where the wire is located on a fence or wall above 2.0 metres in height.

### Pool Fencing Regulations

For all enquiries related to fencing for in-ground and above ground pools please see the Licenses, Permits and Bylaws Department.

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