



Wood Fence Standards

Address: _____

Permit #: _____

- **Wooden Fence Standards:** All wooden fences must meet the following standards:
 - All vertical posts shall be galvanized steel minimum of sixteen (16) gauge thickness and spaced at a maximum of eight (8) feet on center, set in a concrete footing. Picket fences, split rail fences, ranch style or agricultural fences, or other types of open decorative fences approved by the Building Official or his/her designee shall be permitted to use wooden posts.
 - All pickets shall be a minimum ½ inch thickness
 - Wood material shall be an insect resistant wood such as cedar or pressure treated yellow pine. Spruce is not a permitted wood material.
 - The fence shall have its back side (the side with exposed posts or rails) oriented away from view from the adjacent street or right of way.
 - All materials shall be securely fastened, vertical boards to horizontal stringers, stringers to vertical posts, top rail, to ensure an ongoing attractive appearance and safe condition, free from rot, rust, vandalism, and other sources of decay.
 - The bottom of the fence shall be designed to prevent ground to wood contact. This can be achieved through the use of a concrete strip poured between the fence supports or by raising the pickets to provide a minimum of three inches (3") between the bottom of the pickets and the ground. A two inch by six inch (2" x 6") kick board may be used to cover the gap between bottom of pickets and ground. This kick board may have ground contact.
- **Protective treatment:** All wood material shall be stained, pressure treated, painted, or adequately sealed to prevent decay. All exterior surfaces of fences shall be maintained in good condition. Peeling, flaking and chipped paint shall be eliminated and surfaces repainted. All metal surfaces subject to rust or corrosion shall be coated to inhibit such rust and corrosion and all surfaces with rust or corrosion shall be stabilized and coated to inhibit future rust and corrosion. Oxidation stains shall be removed from exterior surfaces. Surfaces designed for stabilization by oxidation are exempt from this requirement.