

Where can I place a fence?

A property owner can build a fence anywhere on their side of the dividing property line or along the property line with the adjacent property owners agreement. It is the property owner's responsibility to ensure they locate the property line accurately. A land survey can help identify the location of a property line.

The City of Prince George has no jurisdiction in disputes arising over fences as these matters fall within provincial jurisdiction and can be resolved through civil litigation.

Are there fence height restrictions?

The City of Prince George allows fences or landscaped screens to be erected without permits subject to the following Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007 regulations:

The maximum fence height is 2.0 m, except:

- The portion of a fence that within the required front yard, the maximum height is 1.2 m;
- Within the triangular area 5.0 m from an intersection, the maximum fence height is 1.0 m;
- When placed on a retaining wall greater than 1.2 m, the maximum fence height is 0.9 m; and
- Where abutting an agricultural, commercial, or industrial zone the maximum height is 2.5 m.

These exceptions are shown on the diagram to the top right

How do I measure fence height?

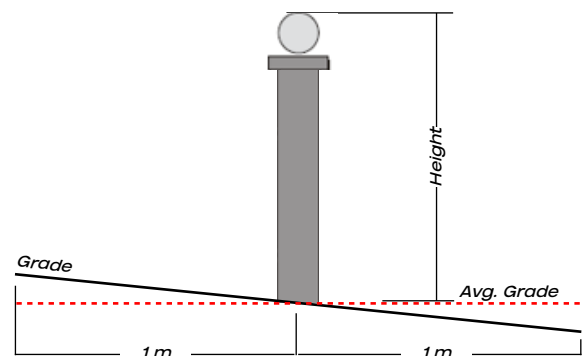
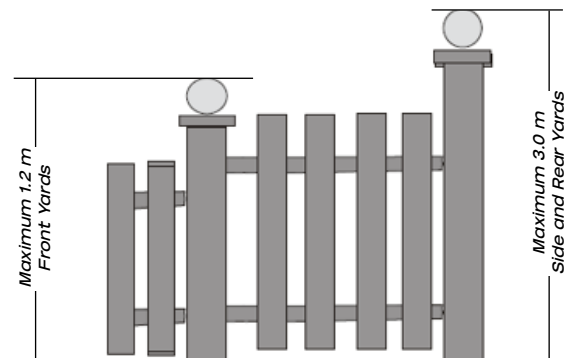
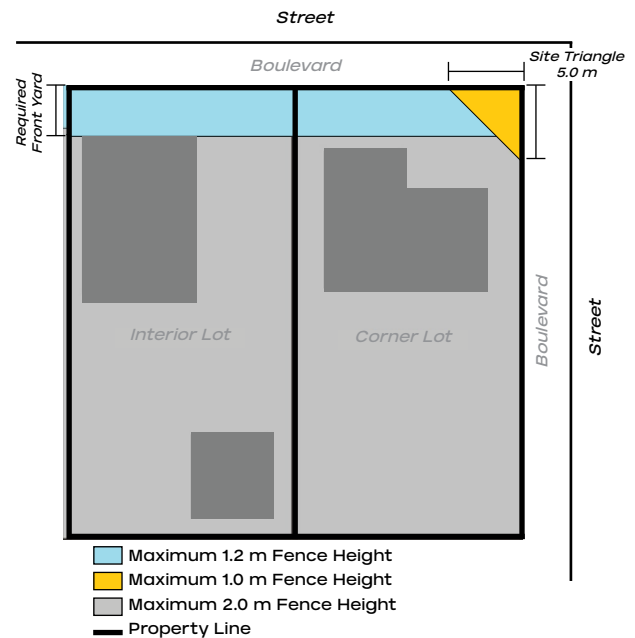
The maximum fence height shall be measured using the average elevation of the landscaped grade 1.0 m from each side of the fence. The diagram at the bottom right demonstrates how height is measured.

Are there prohibited fence types?

No barbed wire fencing shall be allowed in any rural residential, residential, or recreation & institutional zones except for use in livestock enclosures and for correction services.

Further questions?

For any further question contact a planner in the Development Services Division at 250.561.7611 or devserv@princegeorge.ca



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