Fence and Wall Guidelines

Fence or Wall
H ≤ 6’ permit not required
H > 6’ permit and engineered plans required

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H ≤ 6’ permit not required
H > 6’ permit and engineered plans required

Fence or Wall with ≤ 12” Grade Difference
H ≤ 6’ permit not required
H > 6’ permit and engineered plans required

Fence or Guardrail
H > 12”
Level backfill, surcharged
Any height
Permit and engineered plans required

Fence or Guardrail
H > 30”
Guardrail is required
Permit and engineered plans required

Retaining Wall
Level backfill, no surcharge
H ≤ 4’, permit not required
H > 4’, permit and engineered plans required

Retaining Wall
Sloped backfill or surcharge
Any height
Permit and engineered plans required

Code References: CBC 105.2, CRC R404.4, CRC R312, MBMC 9.01.030
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Refer to Planning Division handout for allowable fence heights.

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