



FENCE & WALL INFORMATION

How High Can I Build My Fence/Wall?

Upon incorporation in 1977, the City of Rancho Cucamonga found it desirable to limit the height of fences and walls to minimize their aesthetic impact on the community, yet maintain security and privacy for residents. The height of fences and walls is governed by the Development Code.

Side and Rear Yards

Walls and fences up to 6 feet in height are permitted in the side and rear yard areas. On corner lots, fences and walls up to 6 feet high are permitted to enclose the rear or "back" yard.

Corner Side Yards

For corner lots, a 5-foot minimum setback from property line is required for walls and fences up to 6 feet in height.

Front Yards

In the front yard, fences and walls may not exceed 3 feet, unless they are open fencing, such as wrought iron up to 6 feet. "Front yard" means the required front setback area based upon the zoning for your property (RCMC 17.34.040).

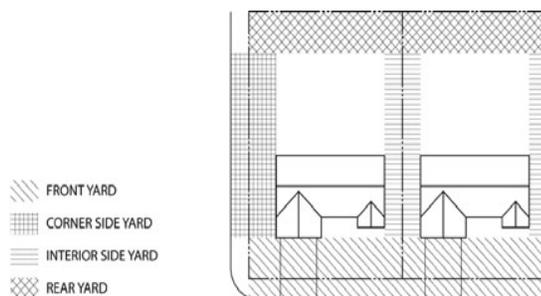


Figure 17.34.040-2

How is Fence/Wall Height Measured?

The City of Rancho Cucamonga, due to its location at the base of the mountains, has many instances where one property is higher or lower than its neighbor which affects fence/wall heights.

- Where a slope (or a slope and retaining wall) creates such a grade differential, the fence/wall height shall be measured from the top of the fence/wall to the ground level at the bottom of the fence/wall (see Figures A and B on reverse side).
- If the fence sits atop a retaining wall, the fence height shall be measured from the top of the fence to the middle of the retaining wall (see Figures C and D).

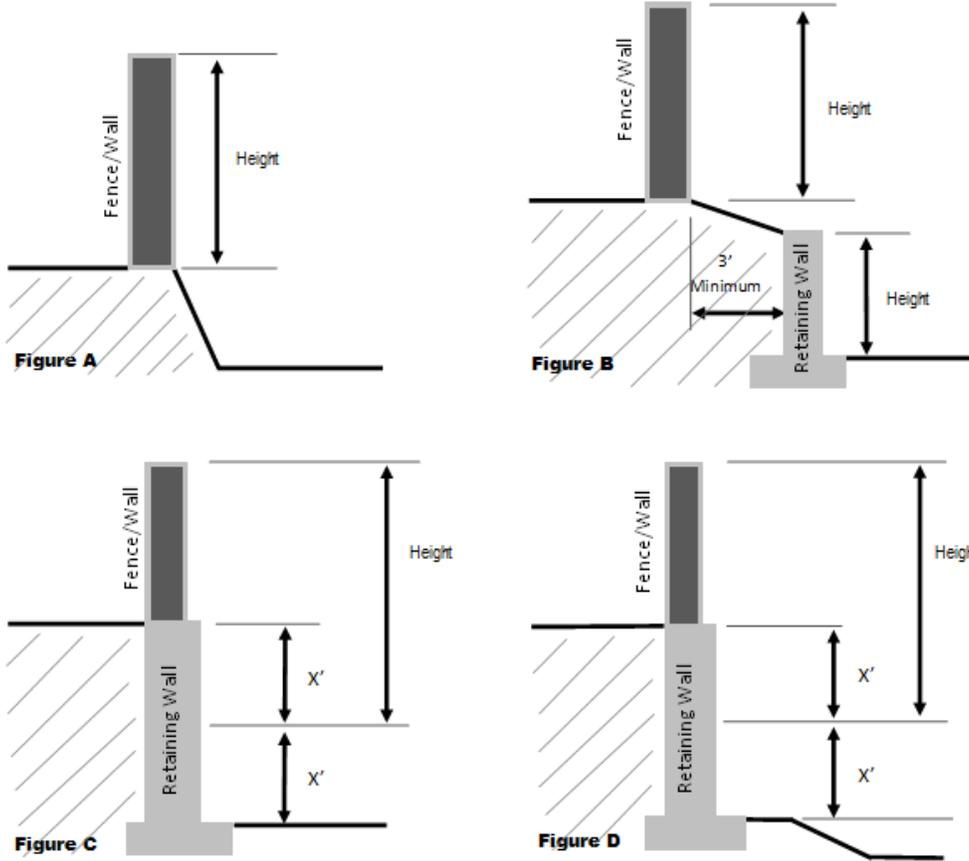
Are There Exceptions?

The maximum height of a fence or wall may be increased by up to 2 feet through approval of a Minor Exception. Exceptions may only be considered in those situations where the property slopes or a difference in grade between adjoining sites warrants such increase in height to maintain a level of privacy or screening. Alternatives to an exception, such as landscaping, that may address privacy or screening concerns will be considered.

An application for a Minor Exception (and fee) must be filed with the Planning Department. Contiguous property owners are notified and given an opportunity to comment. The final decision of the Planning Director is made following a 10-day public comment period.

When is a Permit Required?

A building permit is required to construct a fence above 6 feet in height or block wall above 3 feet in height. Contact the Building & Safety Department at (909) 477-2710 to obtain the necessary permits prior to construction.



Clear Visibility Triangle

The required clear cross-visibility area unobstructed by any structure or landscape between three feet (3') and seven feet (7') above the surface of the public sidewalk as follows:

- At any corner formed by the intersection of a driveway/alley and street, the cross-visibility area shall be a triangle having two sides ten feet (10') long and running along the driveway/alley edge and curb line of street, said length beginning at their intersection and the third side formed by a line connecting the two ends.
- At any corner formed by the intersecting streets, the cross-visibility area shall be a triangle having two sides twenty feet (20') long and running along each curb line, said length beginning at their intersection and the third side formed by a line connecting the two ends.

