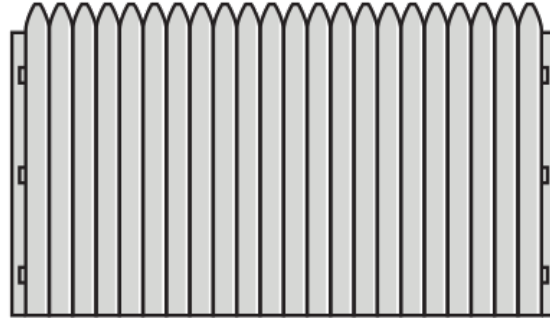# FENCES
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Fences are defined as a barrier, railing, or other upright structure, typically constructed of wood, wire, or masonry, that enclose an area of ground to mark a boundary, control access and/or control visibility.

Fences may be constructed of wood, masonry, or wire (chain-link).

Article 4.f.8 of both the [City of Sumter Zoning & Development Standards Ordinacne and the Sumter County Zoning & Development Standards Ordinance](#) contains height, fencing materials, and proximity regulations for fences permitted on property in each jurisdiction.

An ==Installation Permit== issued by the Sumter City-County Building Department is required prior to a fence being installed in either Sumter County or the City of Sumter.
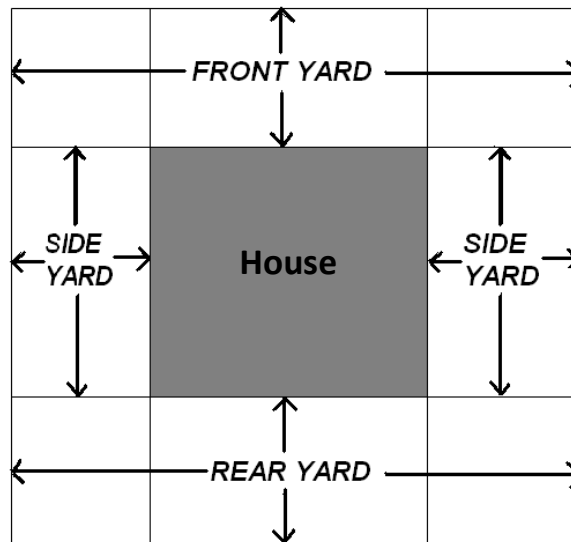
LOCATIONS:

	Yard	Up to 5 ft. Height	6 – 8 ft. Height	Greater than 8 ft. Height
Opaque Fences (Brick, Wood, Masonry)	*Front*	may be installed 1 ft inside property line		*Not allowed*
	Side	may be installed up to property line	must be set back from any building on adjacent property by height of the fence +1 foot for fences over 6 ft.	*Not allowed*
	Rear	may be installed up to property line	must be set back from any building on adjacent property by height of the fence +1 foot.	*Not allowed*
Transparent Fences (Chainlink, Wire)	*Front*	may be installed 1 ft from property line		*Not allowed*
	Side	may be installed up to property line	may be installed up to property line	*Not allowed*
	Rear	may be installed up to property line	may be installed up to property line	*Not allowed*

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ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- All solid fences in the front yard area must have an exterior finish facing outward.

- All masonry wall fences over 6 ft. in height must include foundations. Foundation drawings must be submitted along with the installation permit application.

- Fences in the Hampton Park Historic District and/or Downtown Design District require review and approval by the City of Sumter Design Review Board prior to approval of installation permit(s).
  - Visit https://www.sumtersc.gov/planning/drb for district boundaries.

PERMIT FEES & VALIDITY

- Permit fees are calculated based on the value of the work to be completed. Please contact the Sumter City-County Building Department at 803-774-1617 to determine the fee for your project.

  - This permit is valid for 6 months from date of issuance and may be extended if requested.