9.560  HAZARDOUS FENCES & WALLS

In conformance with Medford Code Sections 9.560 and 10.731-10.733, the following shall be prohibited:

♦ Electric fencing, except when used solely for the control of livestock and when the electric line is run on the inside (property side) of an existing fence;

♦ Barbed wire, except at a level of six (6) or more from the ground;

♦ Broken glass, barbs or similar hazardous material embedded in the fence or wall.

Barbed wire fencing and other fences constructed of sharp materials shall only be permitted in commercial or industrial zoning districts.

10.735  EXCEPTIONS TO FENCE HEIGHT

Where parking, loading, storage, or similar areas are located above finished grade, the height of fences, walls, or landscaping required to screen such areas or space shall be measured above the level thereof.

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10.731 PROVISIONS FOR FENCES
Every fence shall be maintained in a condition of reasonable repair. Any fence which is dangerous to the public safety, health, or welfare shall be considered a violation of this chapter.

10.732 FENCING OF LOTS
♦ Fencing located with the front yard setback area of all zones shall not exceed three (3) feet in height.
♦ Fencing located in the side or rear yards shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height.
♦ Fencing shall not conflict with the site distance requirements of Section 10.735, Clear View of Intersecting Streets. Contact the Engineering Department at (541) 774-2100.
♦ All fencing shall comply with Section 9.560, Hazardous Fences Prohibited, of the City Code.
♦ Gates on primary vehicle entrances adjacent to public streets shall be set back a minimum of twenty (20) feet from the right-of-way.
♦ Fences over six (6) feet in height will require a building permit.

**QUESTION:** When do I need a permit?

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**QUESTION:** Where do I apply for my permit?

You may apply for your permit through the City of Medford Building Department. For additional information & fees call (541) 774-2350.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**FRONT YARD:** A yard extending the full width of the front of a lot between the front (street) right-of-way line and the front building line.

**REAR YARD:** A yard extending the full width of the lot in the area between the rear lot line and the rear building line.

**SIDE YARD:** A yard extending the full length of the lot in the area between a side lot line and a side building line.