

(g) General R-1 residential performance standards.

(1) Fences.

- a. Height. Fencing or walls (except retaining walls) located in the required front yard setback shall not exceed four feet in height except for "ornamental fences" as defined in section 117-1. Fencing or walls located in the side or rear yard shall not exceed eight feet in height. A zoning permit is required for all fences that are not addressed by the Minnesota State Building Code.
- b. Materials and construction. Fences shall be constructed in a workmanlike manner and of substantial material reasonably suited for its intended purpose. Fencing material shall consist only of wood, chain link, wrought iron, maintenance free vinyl, aluminum, or steel. Any other material must be approved by the zoning administrator prior to installation.
 1. No boards, planks, or panels shall be larger than 12 inches in width.
 2. Link fences shall be constructed such that no barbed ends shall be at the top.
 - (i) Agricultural uses.
 - A. Fences may be constructed of barbless wire or have the capability to carry an electric charge to accommodate agricultural activities and the raising of livestock and animals as defined by chapter 10, Animals. Lots of record as of July 1, 2002, within the MUSA that are currently used for agricultural activities or the raising of livestock and animals also qualify under this provision.
 - B. Electric fences must be set back a minimum of three feet from property lines and must be posted as being electric.
 - C. A sketch drawing shall be submitted to the city showing the proposed location of an electric fence.
 3. Fence framing must face inward on the fence owner's lot.
- c. Location. Fencing must be located 100 percent on the fence owner's lot and it is the responsibility of the fence owner to accurately locate property boundaries.
 1. For corner lots, no fence shall be located within the vision clearance triangle as described in section 117-348.
 2. The zoning administrator may require the owner of the property upon which a fence will be constructed to establish the boundary lines of the property by a survey thereof to be made by any registered land surveyor.