

Surrounding Districts' Fence Regulations

Jurisdiction	Fence Height Standards	Fence Design Standards	Other
Hayward	Maximum four feet in required front yards and up to six feet in required side and rear yards. Allow eight foot tall fence/wall if residential property is adjacent to commercial, industrial land, arterial, flood control channel among other limited circumstances.	All zoning districts require Site Plan Review for any improvement that will alter the appearance or character of a property or area including fences such as “anodized gray chain link fences that are visible to the public.”	Require Variance or Site Plan Review for fencing that would exceed height within required yard or as part of approved development plan.
Alameda	Three to four feet in required front and street side yards	Prohibits the use of chain-link fencing unless in the rear and non-street side yards	Requires Administrative Use Permit approval for temporary fencing with time limits.
Dublin	Up to four feet in required front yards; between six to eight feet in street side yard depending on zoning district.	Allows vinyl coated chain link fencing on side and rear property lines and outside of required setbacks	A six foot high chain link fence may be located around construction sites and vacant property and must be removed at the time of occupancy.
Berkeley	No specific height standards included in municipal code. All fences subject to some discretionary review.	All fences subject to discretionary review.	All fences six feet or lower must be reviewed and approved through Zoning Certificate process. All fences taller than six feet subject to Administrative Use Permit approval.
Oakland	Up to 42 inches in height in front yard	In residential zones chain link is not permitted to exceed 42 inches in street fronting yards; plain concrete blocks not permitted unless capped and finished with stucco. No prohibition against chain link in commercial zones.	Oakland's vacant building and property ordinance requires all vacant property be secured with well-maintained fences. The ordinance does not contain design standards for such fencing.
Pleasanton	Up to 42 inches in height in required front yard	Allows installation of wrought iron, split rail, picket style, or other similar fence types. Chain link fencing is prohibited in front yards	Zoning Administrator approval for fences over exceptions.

San Leandro	Up to 36 inches in required front and street side yard	Fences within required yards with frontage on a public street shall be constructed of tubular steel or of equally high quality, visually transparent style.	Exceptions to design or height standards subject to fence modification application.
Union City	Up to 36 inches in height within required front yard.	Fences shall be composed of “acceptable materials” which are defined as natural materials such as wood, masonry and earth materials, and do not include metal, plastic or other similar materials.	Union City has special provisions related to maintenance and regulation of distressed, vacant property. Requires that all fences visible from public right-of way be properly maintained.
Newark	Up to 36 inches in height within required front and street side yard.	Within residential zoning districts, allowable fence materials include masonry block, precast concrete, wood or metal wrought iron and Chain link fencing with slats is permitted in certain commercial zoning districts.	Deviations from allowable height and materials subject to approval by Community Development Director.
Fremont	Up to 48 inches in required front yard and within five feet of street side lot line.	Requires installation of fences with shielded posts and rails adjacent to public right-of-way. Open fences such as chain link fencing is permitted in required rear and side yards where the yard does not abut a street. Acceptable fencing in residential districts is wood or masonry.	Exceptions may be permitted through approval of Zoning Administrator approval.