



# FENCES

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## RESIDENTIAL FENCES

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### Definition

A fence is a structure which is used to prevent or restrict passage, to provide visual screening, sound attenuation, protection from dust or the elements, or to mark a boundary.

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### Location and Height

Maximum heights allowed are:

- From the side of the front of the house to the rear property line and along the rear property line, 2 m (6'6" ft).  
*(From B to B on the diagram)*
- From the side of the front of the house to the front property line, 1.2 m (4 ft).  
*(From A to A on the diagram)*
- For corner lots, 750 mm (2'6" ft) in the triangular area shown from C to C in the diagram.
- Gateways can be 2.5 m (8 ft) high.

When a fence is located on a retaining wall, the height of the fence includes the retaining wall.

Retaining walls higher than 1 m (39") require a building permit.

Fences cannot be located on City property, and cannot be located on any City of Calgary utility right-of-way (URW). Your Real Property Report will show the location of the property lines and any utility rights-of-way.

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## Responsibilities

Fences on residential property are the responsibility of the property owner; the fence must be located within your property boundaries, and it must comply with the Land Use Bylaw height restrictions. If the height and location of the fence complies with the rules of the Land Use Bylaw, no permit is required prior to construction. Any costs for construction and/or maintenance of the fence is a private issue between neighbours.

### Please Note:

The homeowner must make sure the work being carried out does not contravene the requirements of restrictive covenants, caveats, or any other restrictions that are registered against the property.

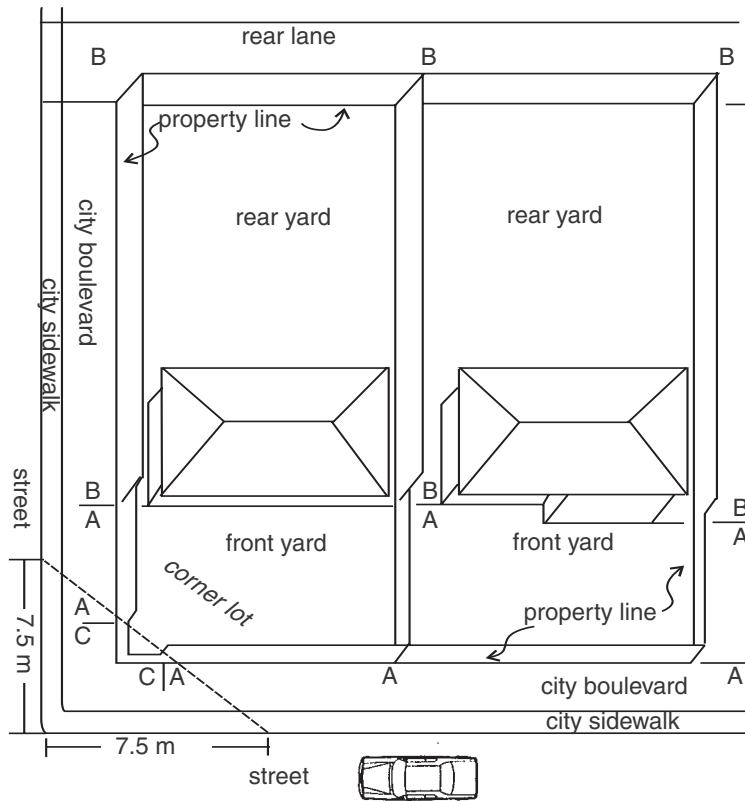
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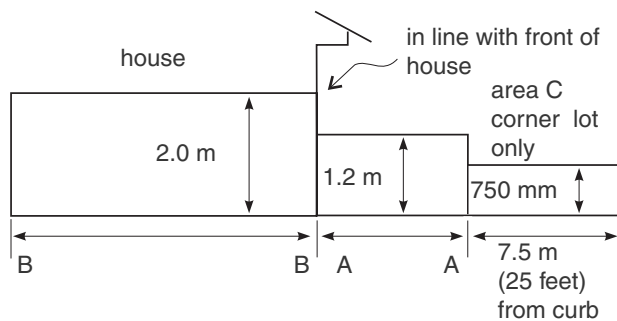
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**Diagram 1**



**Diagram 2**



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