

ORDINANCE
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Amending Title 20, Chapter 550 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Zoning Code: Development Standards.

The City Council of the City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That Section 550.1530 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

550.1530. Prohibited fence locations. No person shall place, construct, maintain, or cause to be placed any fence that may endanger the public safety, including but not limited to the following:

(1) *Fire hydrant access.* No fence shall obstruct free access to any fire hydrant.

(2) *Sight triangle.* No fence shall be constructed or maintained within a distance of fifteen (15) feet from any street or alley intersection.

(3) *Entrance door clearance.* Within a required interior side yard, no fence shall be constructed or maintained within a distance of three (3) feet of a side-facing entrance to a dwelling unit on an existing building wall on an adjoining property.

Section 2. That Section 550.1550 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

550.1550. Fence height. Fence height shall be limited by its location as specified below. In no case shall a fence exceed eight (8) feet in height, regardless of location.

(1) *Front yard.* Fences located in the required front yard shall not exceed ~~four (4)~~ three (3) feet in height. ~~Fences located in a required front yard shall be~~ The maximum fence height may be increased to four (4) feet if constructed of open, decorative, ornamental fencing materials that are less than sixty (60) percent opaque.

(2) *Corner side yard.* Fences located in the required corner side yard shall not exceed four (4) feet in height, ~~except as follows:~~

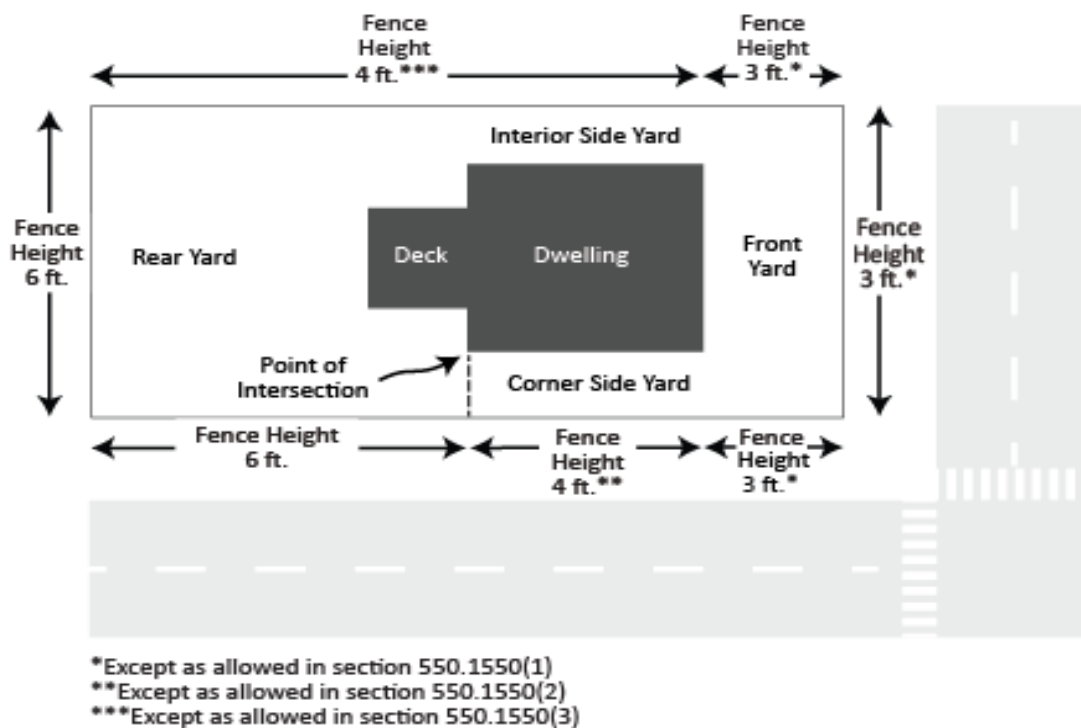
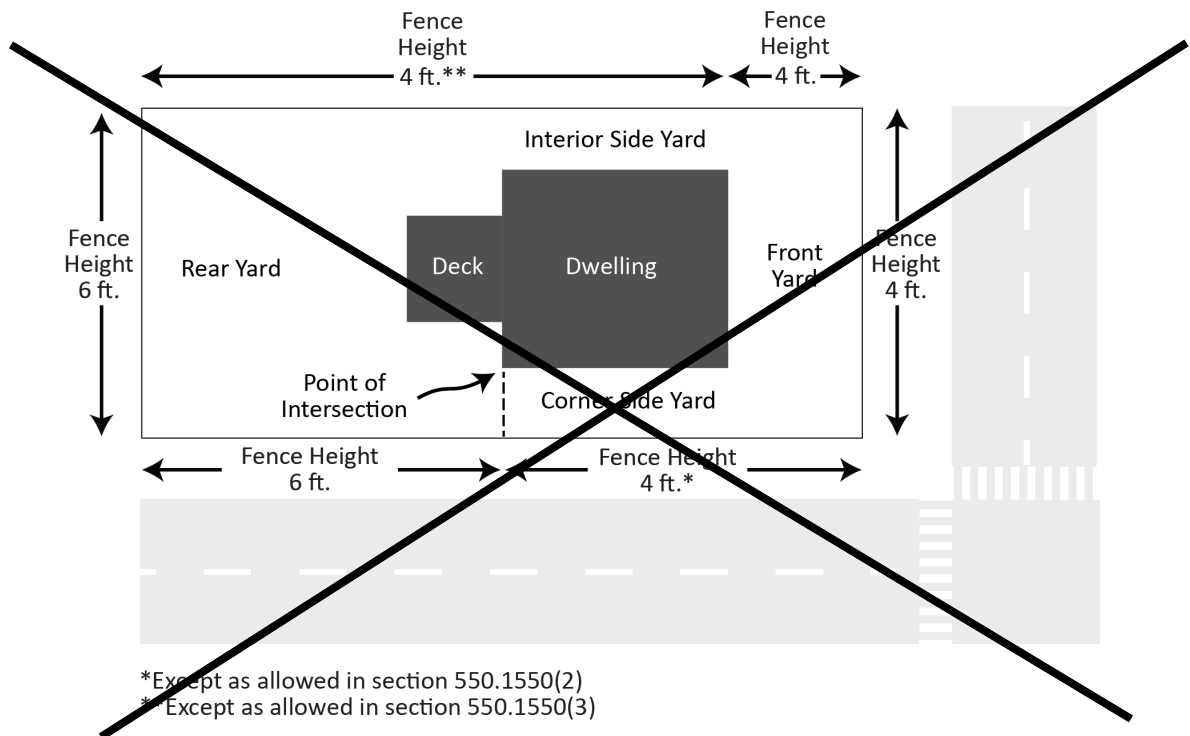
a. In addition, the ~~The~~ maximum height may be increased to six (6) feet beginning at the point of intersection of the corner side wall and the rear wall of the principal structure to the rear lot line.

b. The maximum height may be increased to six (6) feet beginning at the point of intersection of the corner side wall and the rear wall of the principal structure to the front wall of the principal structure if, at minimum, the portion above four (4) feet is constructed of open, decorative, ornamental fencing materials that are less than sixty (60) percent opaque. For the purpose of this section, open decks and porches shall not be considered part of the principal structure.

c. Where the structure includes an entrance facing the corner side yard, the zoning administrator may further authorize a fence up to six (6) feet in height between the ~~and greater than sixty percent opaque~~

between the rear wall of the principal structure and the corner side property line, extending as far toward the front of the lot as reasonably necessary to incorporate the entrance within the fenced area.

Figure 550-2 Maximum Fence Height



(3) *Interior side yard.* Fences located in the required interior side yard shall not exceed four (4) feet in height, except as follows:

a. The maximum height may be increased to six (6) feet if the fence is located not less than five (5) feet from the structure on the adjoining property or if the entire fence is constructed of open, decorative, ornamental fencing materials that are less than sixty (60) percent opaque.

~~b. In addition, the~~ The maximum height may be increased to six (6) feet between the rear wall of the principal structure on the adjoining property and the rear lot line.

(4) *Rear yard.* Fences located in the required rear or side yard and extending along the rear lot line shall not exceed six (6) feet in height, except that a rear yard abutting a required side yard shall be considered an interior side yard and shall be subject to the regulations for interior side yards.

(5) *Along public streets.* Fences not located in required yards, but located within five (5) feet of a public street or public sidewalk, shall not exceed six (6) feet in height.