



City of Calistoga

Fence Regulations

Fence regulations for the City of Calistoga are established in the Zoning Code at CMC Chapter 17.52. They exist for the purpose of allowing for maximum enjoyment, aesthetics, and privacy, while also providing for general public safety.

Generally

- Walls and fences along interior side and rear yard lot lines are allowed to extend to eight feet (8') in height.
- Walls and fences along street side yards and front yards are allowed to extend to four and a half feet (4.5') in height.
- There is a corner cutoff area where wall and fence heights should extend to no more than two and a half feet (2.5') in height.
- Contact the Planning Department when planning fencing on a corner lot.

Major Arterial Exception

Along the City's major arterials, fence and walls are allowed to extend to six feet in height along required front and side yards, subject to approval by the Planning & Building Director. The City's major arterials are those found in the General Plan's Circulation Element and include:

- Highway 29
- Silverado Trail
- Lincoln Avenue
- Lake Street
- Foothill Boulevard
- Petrified Forest Road
- Grant Street/Myrtledale Road
- Portions of upper Washington Street

Projections

Decorative entry gates, arbors, trellis, structure, and the like exceeding four and one-half feet in height may be permitted in a required front or street side yard subject to the approval of the Director of Planning and Building.

Materials

Fence materials that are compatible with the rural small-town character shall be permitted, which may include, but should not be limited to, wood, masonry, iron, etc. Cyclone fencing is prohibited except for tennis courts unless approved by the Planning and Building Director.

Permitting

Generally, permits are not needed for fences and walls under seven feet (7') in height, but please contact the Planning & Building Department to confirm before erecting any new or replacement fencing. *Contact the Calistoga Planning & Building Department at 707.942.2827 or pdepartment@ci.calistoga.ca.us.*