



City of Covington

FENCE PERMIT APPLICATION SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES

Purpose

This document explains the process for a fence permit.

Process

- Prior to submitting your application, please contact 811 (Call Before You Dig) to set up a work order. They will locate and mark all underground utilities on your property at no expense to the home owner. They require a three day notice to complete the order.
- If the property is located in the Historic District, a Certificate of Appropriateness Application must be submitted in addition to the Fence Permit.
- Submit a completed Fence Application to the Planning and Zoning department. The fee associated with this is \$10, checks made payable to "City of Covington". We accept all forms of payment excluding credit cards.
- Please provide a copy of your site plans and aerial map, including property lines from the Newton County Tax Assessor (www.qpublic.net/ga/newton), indicating where the fence will be installed.
- The Building Inspector and Senior Planner will review the application. This process shall require no more than ten (10) days for approving the application.

16.32.220 Walls and Fences

The setback requirements of this zoning ordinance shall not prohibit any necessary retaining wall or fence except that in a NR1, NR2 or NR3 zoning district:

- A. Front yard fences and walls shall not exceed forty-two (42 inches) in height and shall not extend into the public right-of-way.
- B. Front yard fences shall be within six inches of the property line and shall not be made of wire, woven metal, or chain link unless located on property of an agricultural or undeveloped use or of a lot size larger than three acres.
- C. Ornamental or decorative fences constructed of brick, stone, stucco, split rail, wood or wrought iron and not constructed or exposed block, tires, junk or other discarded material shall be permitted within the front yard setback.
- D. No fence or wall shall exceed eight feet in height within a rear or side yard.
- E. Retaining walls located adjacent to a sidewalk along a public street shall not exceed a height of two feet and the combined height of a fence where otherwise authorized and retaining wall shall not exceed a height of five feet, unless existing topography prohibits retaining walls of a lesser height. Retaining walls shall be from finished concrete or shall be faced with stone, brick, or smooth stucco.