

# FENCE PERMITS

## What you need to apply for a fence permit:

- One (1) copy of your recorded warranty deed, tax bill, or homestead exemption card
- Two (2) copies of a survey
- A release signed by the West Palm Beach Water Utilities Department
- Four (4) other utility releases (if applicable)

## Fence permit application details:

- For more information on obtaining the permit application and submitting the permit, please visit the [Buildings and Inspections Permit webpage](#)
- Your fence permit will cost a minimum of \$75.00 or 2.4% value of the work, (whichever is greater), plus 1% of the permit fee (\$1.00 minimum) for educational purposes
- Once you have your permit in hand, you may place your fence posts and call (561) 805-6700 for a post inspection
- When scheduling, please have your permit number and password ready

## Important tips for preparing your application:

- Indicate the area where the fence will be installed by marking the entire length of the fence with an “x” on the survey (no highlighting please)
- If you find markings labeled “U.E.” or “Utility Easement” with a dashed line running parallel to the property line or indication of a power pole you have an **easement** on your property
- If the area you marked for fence installation includes the easement area, you need to obtain **all five (5) easement releases**. Otherwise, just a Utilities release is needed.

## Easement Information:

- An *easement release* is an agreement between you, the owner, and the utility companies that allow you to encompass the easement
- A copy of the easement release request form may be obtained from Development Services
- Please send a completed copy of the release form AND a copy of your marked survey to each utility company on the list you received from Development Services
- Note: it may take as much as two weeks for the utility companies to return the requests

**Fence Regulations:**

	Residential	Commercial
Fence height in front setback	<b>4 feet maximum</b>	<b>4 feet maximum</b>
Fence height in side/rear setback	<b>6 feet maximum</b>	<b>8 feet maximum</b>
Pool fences	<b>4 feet minimum; self-latching gates with latches 4 feet above grade</b>	n/a

- Front setbacks are typically 25 feet from the front property line for residential
- Commercial setbacks vary; you may call the Zoning Division at (561) 822-1435 or reference the handout for setbacks to determine specific setbacks

**If your area is on the corner of two streets...**

- A visibility (clear sight) triangle must be observed
- That is the area beginning at the point where property lines meet at the corner, then twenty (20) feet along the front and side property lines, then diagonally connecting the two points
- This area may not have anything above 18 inches or under 8 feet (see diagram below)

