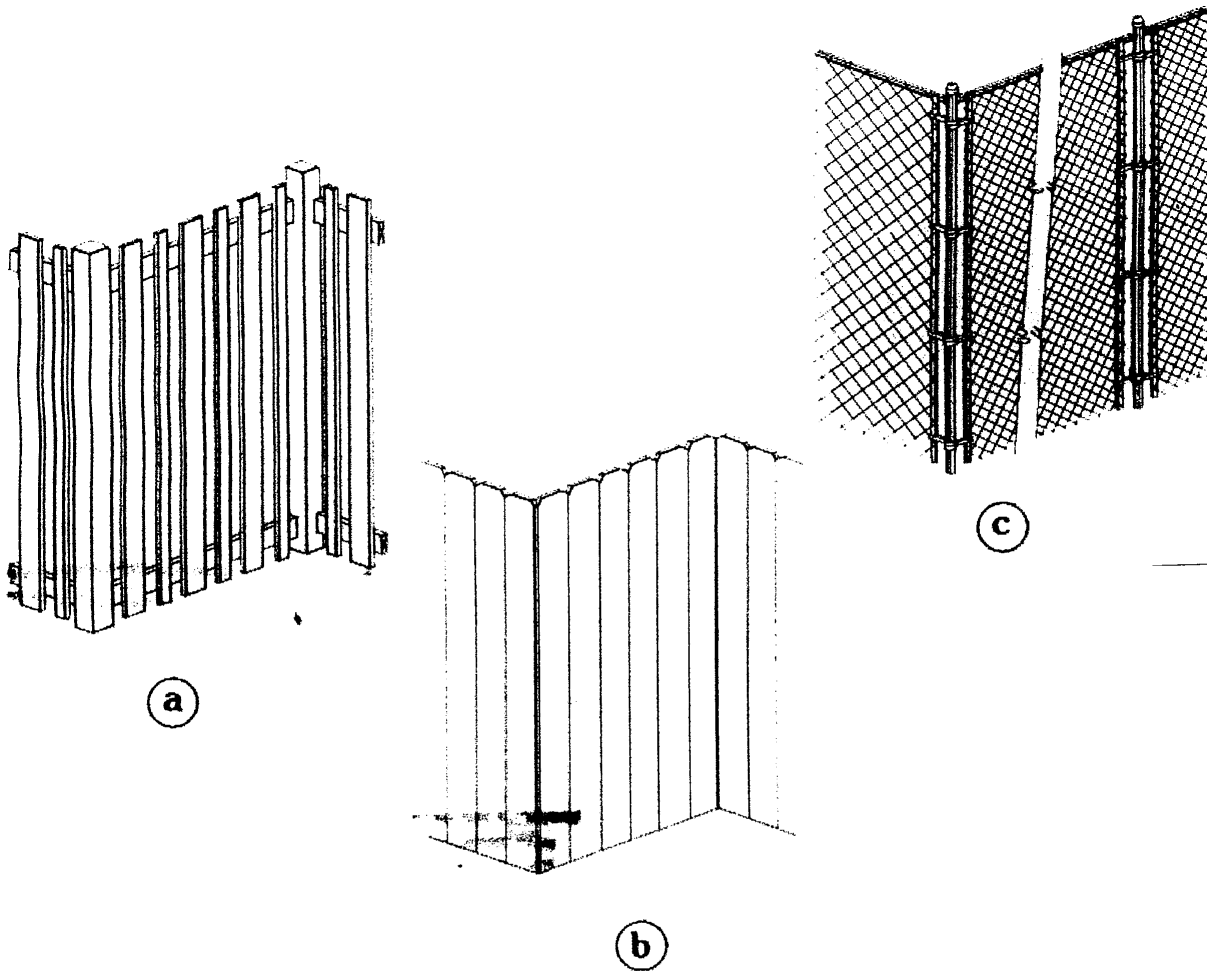


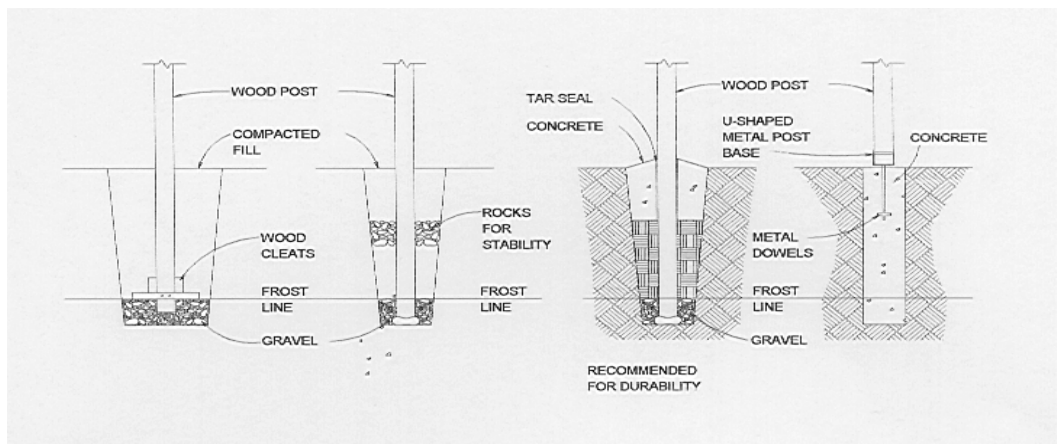
Fence Construction



Above are three examples of fence construction. Fence type [a] is a 50% open area fence. In this type of fence each linear foot of fence has an open area of six inches.

Fence type [b] is a solid or closed area fence. It is more commonly known as a privacy fence.

Fence type [c] is a fence with a 100% open area. This type of fence is more commonly used and is of chain link construction.



Requirements for Fence Construction

Fences shall be erected and conform to all items listed below and all other applicable City Ordinances and Codes.

1. Before constructing any fence, a permit shall first be obtained from the Building Department. A permit for a living fence (hedges, shrubs, bushes, trees or plants) is not required. Submit application on approved forms. Post two "Intent to Build" placards for ten days. Mark location of new fence by attaching string to temporary posts. Wait ten days for plans to be examined. If the plans are approved, a permit will be issued by the Building Department.
2. All fences must be installed entirely on owner's property and shall not be attached to the adjacent neighbor's garage.
3. Along a rear or side property line or portion of a rear or side property line, the following fences are permitted:
 - a) Fences, not in excess of six (6) feet in height as measured above the natural grade, may be of any style. (See illustration.)
 - b) Fences in excess of six (6) feet in height are prohibited.
4. No electrified fence shall be permitted.
5. Barbed wire fences are prohibited.
6. Fences shall display a finished face toward adjacent streets and properties.
7. Fences installed between residential and non-residential property, but subject to the limitations of (a) above, may be permitted along the property line to the street line. Such fences may not exceed six (6) feet measured above natural grade.
8. No fence shall be erected or placed between the building line and the street line, and no living fence, designated in this area, shall exceed three (3) feet in height above grade. Living fences located at intersections shall not exceed 36 inches in height.
9. Fence locations:
 - a) Any yard:
 - 1) The requirements for swimming pool protective barriers shall take precedence where such requirements are in conflict with the regulations of this chapter.
 - 2) Any enclosing structure intended to serve exclusively as a dog run shall conform to the setback requirements for an accessory use or structure in Residence Districts.
 - 3) A chain link fence or other substantially open fence not used as a sight barrier, privacy screen, windbreak or dog run, shall not exceed four feet in height.
 - 4) Any fence within ten feet in any direction from a point where any driveway, either on the fence owner's lot or the adjoining lot, intersects with the sidewalk shall have a minimum of seventy-five percent open area.

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- 5) At least one unlocked gate or fence opening of a minimum of three feet in width shall be provided in each yard to permit emergency entrance from the street.
 - 6) No electrified or barbed wire fence shall be erected or installed in any location.
- b) Front yard:
 - 1) Fences within the front yard shall not exceed three feet in height.
 - c) Rear yard:
 - 1) Fences within the rear yard shall not exceed four feet in height.
 - d) Side yards:
 - 1) Fences within side yards shall not exceed four feet in height, except that fences within the exterior side yard of a corner lot, side yard adjacent to the street, shall not exceed three feet in height.
 - e) Lakefront yard:
 - 1) Fences on a lakefront lot that are within the rear yard or the side yard which is adjacent to Lake Erie, lakefront yard, shall not exceed four feet in height confined to a distance not greater than twenty feet toward the lake from the main building. Only protective barriers which are not to exceed four feet in height with a minimum of seventy-five percent open area are permitted elsewhere within the lakefront yard.
 - f) Privacy screen:
 - 1) A privacy screen may be constructed only behind the established building setback line so that the length of the screen shall not exceed ten percent of the perimeter of the total lot.
 - 2) The privacy screen shall not exceed six feet in height.
 - 3) The privacy screen shall not exceed thirty-two feet in any direction.
 - 4) No privacy screen between four and six feet in height shall be installed closer than ten feet from the adjacent neighbors' houses except when specifically consented to in writing by the neighbor, a copy of which shall be filed with the Department of Building Engineering and Inspection.
(Ordinance 73-146. Passed 12-17-73).

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10. All fences shall be maintained in good condition so as not to become unsightly, unsafe, a nuisance or detrimental to the surrounding area.



A Photo of a Fence Being Constructed