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The information is a simplification of the Town's [Land Use Bylaw](#). In the event of any discrepancy/ omission, the Land Use Bylaw takes precedence.

Do I need a permit for my fence?

- You do not need a permit for the erection, construction, or maintenance of gates, fences, walls, or other means of enclosure as long as they comply with the regulations of the [Land Use Bylaw](#).
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact staff at 403.652.2110 or at planning@highriver.ca and we would be pleased to assist you.

We also recommend calling **Alberta One-Call** at 1-800-242-3447 and **checking the property title** for any easements, caveats, and Utility Right-of-Way agreements at [Alberta Land Titles Spatial Information System \(SPIN2\)](#)

What are the general regulations?

- Fences may project into setbacks but may not project past the property line. Property lines are typically marked by iron bars. Your property lines will also be indicated on your Real Property Report (RPR). If you do not have a copy of your RPR, you may ask the Town to search your property file and provide you with a copy of it at no charge (we cannot guarantee that the Town will have RPR's for every property).
- If you continue to have any doubts regarding the location of your property line, you could consider contacting a Registered Land Surveyor.

Regulations for specific districts

(see Land Use Bylaw Map for your district)

ND (Natural District) and UR (Urban Reserve District)

- Fencing may be used as a decorative transition from one use to another, as a screening device, or for security purposes.
- Security fencing shall only be considered for safety, at the discretion of the Development Authority.
- There are no height restrictions.

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TND (Traditional Neighbourhood District), NCD (Neighbourhood Centre District), CBD (Central Business District), SED (Service and Employment District)

- Fencing may be used as a decorative transition from one use to another, as a screening device, or for security purposes.
- Small decorative fences may divide the public frontage and private frontage to differentiate between public- and private-owned land as long as the perception of a seamless space is maintained.
- Security fencing shall only be considered for safety, at the discretion of the Development Authority.
- Fences within the primary frontage can be a maximum height of 1.2 m.
- All other fences can be a maximum height of 1.8 m.
- Where adjacent to a thoroughfare, fences shall be setback a minimum of 1 m from the lot line.

How is height measured?

- Fence height is measured from the top of the fence to the grade and includes the height of any retaining wall which represents a logical vertical extension of the fence (grade means ground level in this case).