



# CITY OF CAÑON CITY

## Planning and Zoning

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### FENCES, WALLS, AND HEDGES

Are governed under the Cañon City Municipal Code, §17.20.080, as follows:

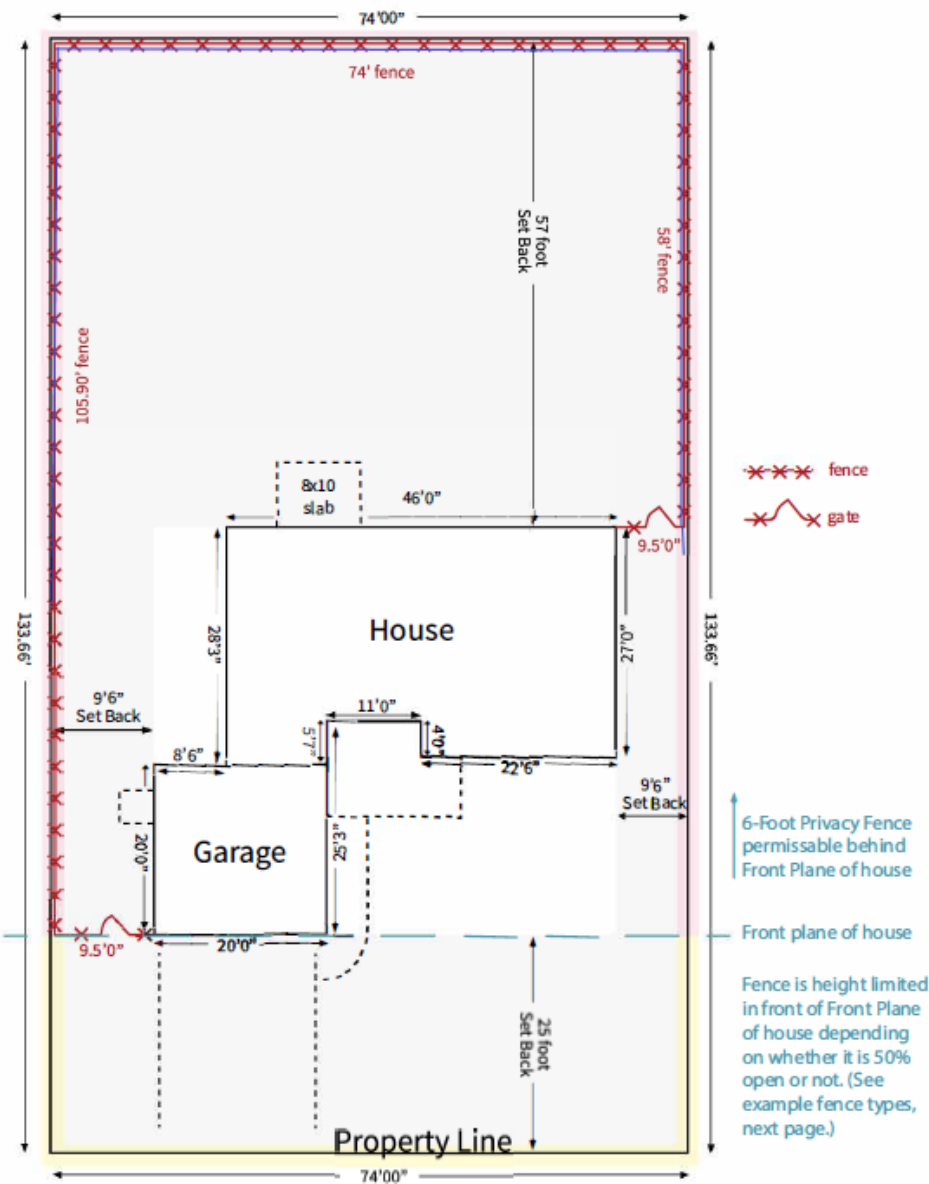
#### 17.20.080 Fences, walls and hedges.

- A. Fences, walls and hedges may be permitted in any required setback area or along the property line in **residential districts**, provided that within the front yard setback they do not exceed thirty (30) inches or, if the fence is at least fifty percent (50%) open, it may be constructed to a maximum height of forty-eight (48) inches, except as provided for below. Fences, walls and hedges erected in other than the required front yard setback in residential districts may not exceed seventy-two (72) inches in height.  
Fence height may extend up to seventy-two (72) inches within the front yard setback where the front yard setback is greater than fifteen (15) feet and where a dwelling is located within the required front yard setback under the following conditions: 1) the fence may not extend into the front yard setback beyond the main structural part of the dwelling (attached porches, open entryways and the like do not count towards this exception); 2) regardless of the placement of the residential structure on the lot or parcel, the fence may not be constructed any closer to the front property line than fifteen (15) feet; and 3) notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, the fence may not create a vision clearance hazard. \*\*
- B. Fences and walls erected in the **industrial, general commercial and central business districts** shall be reviewed and may be approved by the City Engineer only if the engineer has determined that the structure will not create a visual clearance or traffic hazard. In making such determination, the City Engineer shall give due consideration to applicable sections of this title, including but not limited to Sections 17.20.170 and 17.20.200.
- C. Fences and walls erected in any zone district **for purposes of public safety, health and welfare** shall be reviewed and approved or disapproved by the City Engineer and the City Administrator.

*See the diagram and explanatory notes on the next page.*

**\*\* What this means is (see the diagram below):**

1. Along the back and sides of your house up to the front setback line, which in the residential districts is generally 25 feet (always verify setbacks with the Planning Dept. while you are in the planning stage of your project), you can have a 6-foot fence. **(pink line on diagram) or** If your house is located within the front setback you may be able to locate a 6-foot fence closer to the property line than 25 feet, but not any closer than 15 feet. Check with the Planning Dept. for a determination.
2. Along the front and the sides of your yard in the front setback area, you can have a fence that is 4 feet (48 inches) high provided that it is 50% open (slats, chain link, etc.). Or, if the fence is solid, then the fence can only be 2 ½ feet (30 inches) high. **(yellow line on diagram)**
3. Fences can't be 6 feet high in the front setback area except as noted above.



Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owners: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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( Street Name )

Check with the Planning office at 719.269.9011 about your specific setbacks.

**FENCES, WALLS AND HEDGES**  
**CHAPTER 17. 20.080 OF THE CAÑON CITY MUNICIPAL CODE**  
**Fence Examples by type**



**ABOVE: 50% open**  
**BELOW: NOT 50% open**

