



# CITY OF CAÑON CITY

## Planning and Zoning

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## FENCES, WALLS, AND HEDGES IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

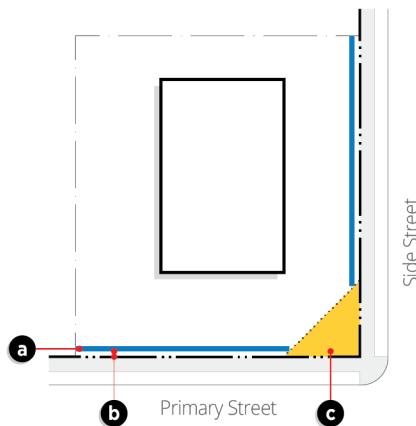
Are governed under the Cañon City Municipal Code, §17.06.050, as follows:

### 17.06.050 Fences, Walls, and Hedges

#### A. General Provisions.

1. **Location.** All fences allowed in this section shall be located:
  - a. Wholly within property lines,
  - b. A minimum of one (1) foot from any right-of-way,
  - c. Outside of a vision clearance area as detailed in Section 17.06.060,
  - d. A minimum of eighteen (18) inches from an underground utility access structure; drainage structure; telephone, electric, cable television or gas pedestal or in any manner that would interfere with the maintenance for these utilities,
  - e. In a manner which does not block access to underground utility access structures or fire hydrants,
  - f. A minimum of two (2) inches above finished grade if located in a drainage swale or a drainage easement, and
  - g. In a manner which does not inhibit the function of stormwater drainage structures.

*Figure 6.1: General Fence Location Standards*



2. **Construction Standards.** Fences shall be designed and constructed to resist a horizontal wind pressure of not less than thirty-five (35) pounds per square foot, in addition to all other forces to which they may be subjected. Fences that are leaning at an angle of fifteen (15) degrees or greater are considered dangerous and shall be in violation of this UDC.

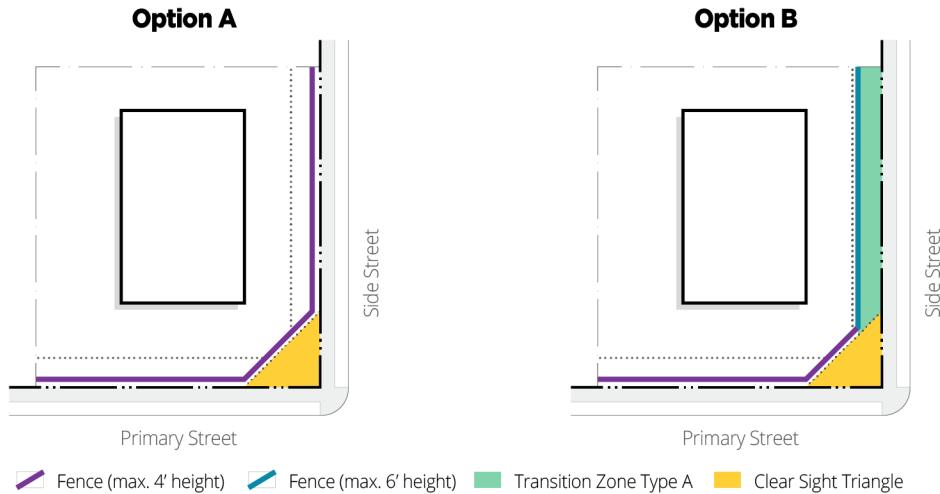
B. **Fences on Lots with Single-Family or Two-Family Uses.** Fences on lots with single-family or two-family uses shall meet the requirements established below. Razor wire, or makeshift materials such as plywood or tarpaulin shall be prohibited on lots with single-family or two-family uses. All fences shall be erected so that the posts and all other supporting members face inward toward the owner's property.

1. **Fences in Front and/or Street Side Yards.**
  - a. **Height.** Fences in front and/or street side yards shall not exceed four (4) feet in height. Fences in street side yards may have a maximum height of six (6) feet if located a minimum of ten (10) feet from the property line and improved with a landscape area between the fence and right-of-way including the landscape elements required for a Transition Zone Type A as detailed in Table 17.06.030(F)(2).

b. **Materials.** Fences in front yards and/or street side yards shall be of non-sight barrier construction and have a maximum opacity of fifty (50) percent. Fence materials utilized in front yards and/or street side yards shall complement fence materials utilized in other yards. Permitted fence materials in front yards and/or street side yards shall be only those materials which are designed and intended for use in fence installations and shall be limited to:

- I. Vegetation,
- II. Wood, chemically treated or naturally resistant to decay,
- III. Wood Composites,
- IV. Aluminum,
- V. Vinyl/PVC, and
- vi. Wrought Iron.

**Figure 6.2: Fences on Lots with Single-Family or Two-Family Uses in Front and/or Street Side Yard Standards**



**2. Fences in Interior Side and Rear Yards.**

- a. **Height.** The maximum height of a fence in interior side yards and rear yards shall be six (6) feet.
- b. **Materials.** Fence materials utilized in interior side yards and rear yards shall complement fence materials utilized in other yards. Permitted fence materials in interior side yards and rear yards shall be only those materials which are designed and intended for use in fence installations and shall be limited to:
  - I. Masonry,
  - II. Wood, chemically treated or naturally resistant to decay,
  - III. Wood Composites,
  - IV. Aluminum,
  - V. Vinyl/PVC,
  - VI. Wrought Iron,
  - VII. Coated Chain Link without inserts, and
  - VIII. As approved by the Zoning Administrator.
- c. **Location.** Fences in interior side yards and rear yards shall be located no closer to the front yard than the established front face of the principal building on the lot or the principal building on the adjacent lot.

## FENCE EXAMPLES BY TYPE

### Fence Type Example A: 50% Transparent



### Fence Type Example B: Not 50% Transparent

