

City of Van Buren, Arkansas Building Department

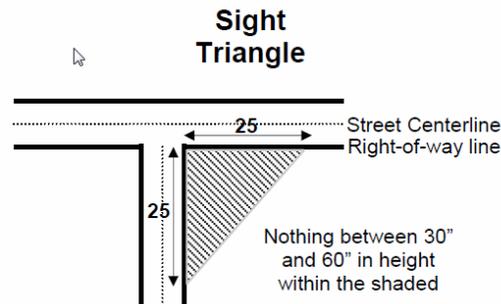
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*A fence permit is required for all new fence construction and replacement of existing fencing.

**Repairs to an existing fence do not require a permit. A repair is the replacement of a portion of a fence which is less than 50% of its total linear distance of fence surface.

Fence Permit Requirements

- A Plot Plan showing easements, property lines, all existing structures and fencing and proposed fencing.
- Fencing must be located on private property.
- Fencing in front yard may not exceed 48" and be no closer than ten (10) feet from street or public right-of-way whichever is greater.
- Fencing may not be located in a 25 feet sight triangle as shown below.

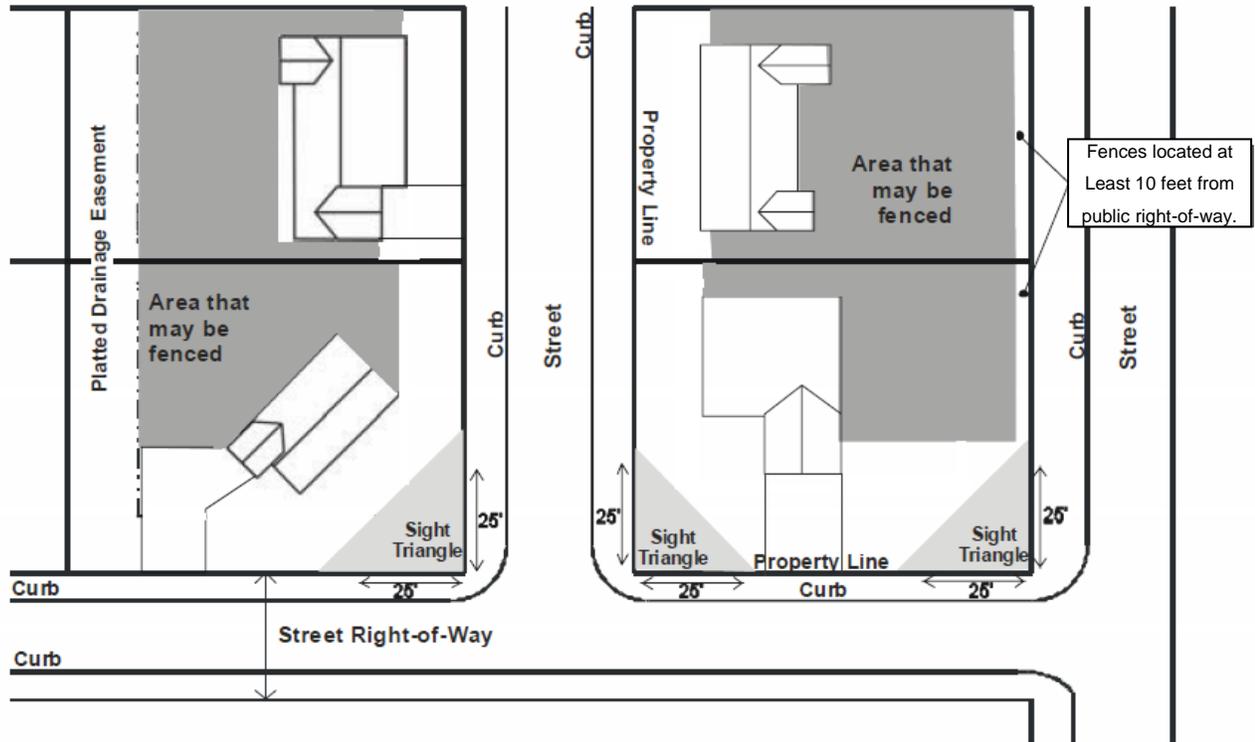


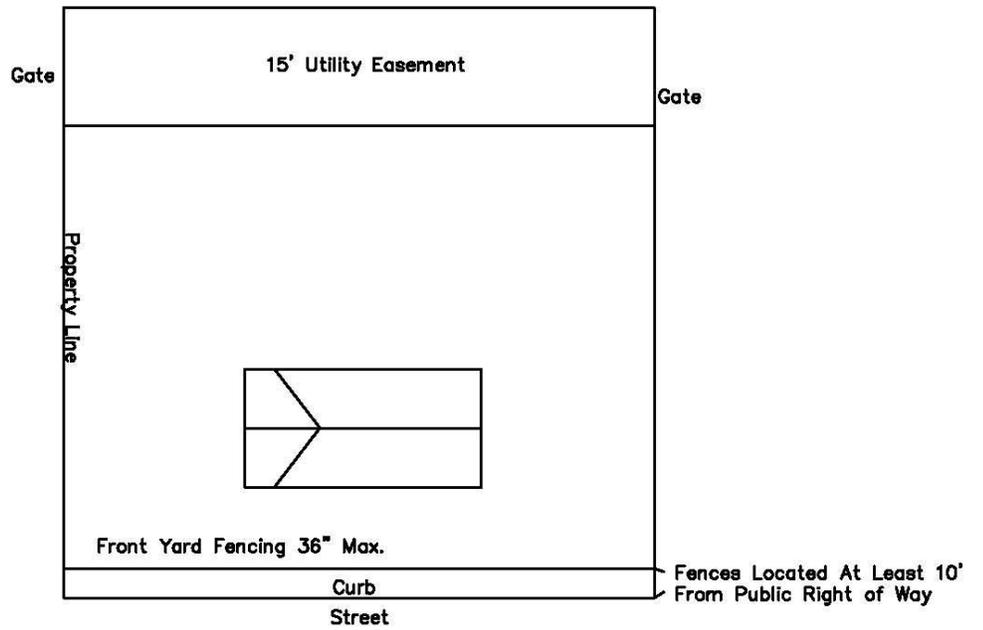
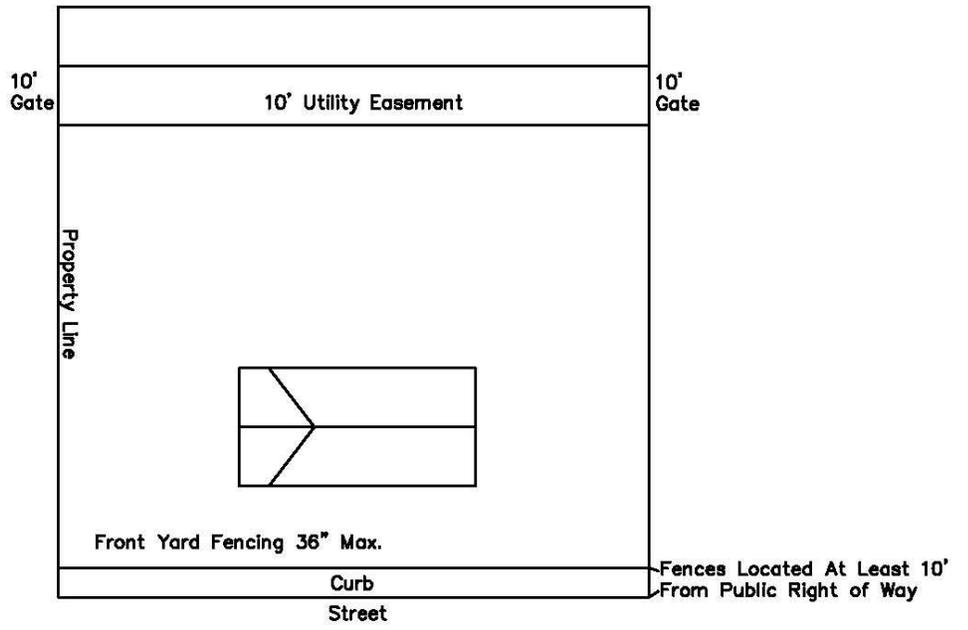
- Fences may cross utility easements at 90 degree or at perpendicular crossings by means of gating, or easily removable panels (not screwed or nailed), starting at the point of the easement furthest from the house and coming 10 foot back into the easement with no posts or center posts being placed in that 10' of easement. This is only possible if easement is contained solely on owner's property and with proper clearance of utilities. Or, if after One Call has been called and no utilities are located in the easement, fencing may occur utilizing post or center posts with an understanding that if, in the future the utility needs to use that easement, it is up to and at the property owners expense to remove the fence from the easement.
- If it is a 15' divided easement, divided between two property owners, the easement will remain unfenced between the properties. No post in easements. Property owners are responsible for keeping their portion of easement clean.(Mun Code 904.01)
- No fencing is allowed in or over a platted drainage easement.
- Fences cannot exceed eight feet above the ground.
- Finish surfaces must face outward from the property.
- Fences used to enclose pools, water ponds, and spas must be a minimum height of 48 inches with maximum clearance between the bottom of the fence and ground of no more than two inches.

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Gating of Utility Easements

The City of Van Buren, in an effort to aid its citizens in utilizing all of their property, will allow gating of utility easements under the following conditions:

- The owner of the property agrees and acknowledges that gating, or installation of easily removable panels within utility easements is at the owner's risk. If One-Call has not located any utilities at the time of fence permit being applied for, fencing may occur within the easement. If in future the utility needs the use of the easement, all fencing must be removed from said easement at the property owners expense.
- The utility company has the right to enter this property through this easement at anytime with any equipment necessary for the maintenance that is required.
- The City of Van Buren or utility company is not responsible for any fence damage caused by a utility company's easement maintenance.

With this knowledge and approval, gating the easement will be allowed after notarized signature of this waiver is presented with application of permit.

VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that I have read and agree to the above statements.

Property Owner

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ day of _____

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

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