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## FENCE GUIDELINES WITHIN THE CITY OF HELENA

(2012 International Building & Fire Code and 2012 International Residential Code)



### PERMITS

Fences over 7 feet in height will require a building permit. Provide two copies of plans and details for the type of fence being installed bearing the stamp of a licensed Montana structural engineer.

Fences may not be installed or constructed on any public right-of-way or on an adjacent owner's property. Make sure fence and their footings are on your property.

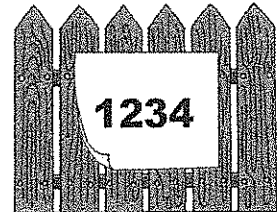
The building permit fee is based on the cost for materials and labor to install the fence. Permit fee information can be found at the website above.



### GUIDELINES WITHIN CITY CODE

**City Code – Title 7-3-7\*\*** Fences shall not be constructed so as to impede vision of vehicular traffic. Ensure sight triangle of intersections is not impacted by fencing. Refer to the website above for "Sight Obstruction" clarification brochure.

**City Code – Title 7-6-1(f)\*\*** Fences greater than 42" in height, as measured from grade level, located in the property's front yard shall have the street address numbers posted of any building located behind the fence. The street address numbers displayed must be readily visible to identify the property to emergency response providers from the fronting street.



### ADDRESSING REQUIREMENTS

Address numbers shall be Arabic numbers or alphabetical letters. Characters shall be minimum 4" high with minimum stroke width of 1/2" (inch). Numbers shall be placed on a contrasting background.

Address numbers and/or letters shall be placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. Where address is not visible from the public way, a monument, pole or other sign shall be used to identify the structure.

\*\* Noted sections of City Code have been abbreviated for the purposes of this document. For the complete text within City Code, refer to:  
[http://www.sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/index.php?book\\_id=401](http://www.sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/index.php?book_id=401)