

# Residential Fence Regulation Information

## **Location**

All fences must be located 100% on the owner's property. A fence can only be constructed abutting the property line with written consent of all affected property owners. The fence cannot be located in an easement (some exemptions may apply) or in such a manner as to obstruct sight lines from a street or alley.

## **Setbacks**

Property Line – There is no official setback, but you must be able to maintain the grass on the other side of the fence. Many set the fence back the width of their lawn mower.

Alley – A fence abutting an alley shall be set back a minimum of five (5) feet from the alley right of way. Often this is the property line, not the edge of the graveled or paved surface.

Road – A fence shall be set back a minimum of two (2) feet from the road right of way. This is measured at the edge of the road right of way which is usually your property line.

Sidewalk – A fence shall be set back a minimum of two (2) feet from a sidewalk.

## **Height**

Privacy fence – Maximum six (6) feet in the rear and side yards only.

Chain link – Maximum four (4) feet in any area of the yard.

Wood fence – Maximum three (3) feet in the front yard, six (6) feet in the rear and side yards.

The side yard is the area from the back corner of the house to the front corner of the house.

The front yard is the area from the front corner of the house/garage to the street.

The diagram on the back of this document illustrates the front, side and rear yard locations.

## **Other Requirements**

Clear Site Triangle – A site corner must be maintained in order to ensure the safe flow of traffic. Nothing higher than 30 inches above the curb or shoulder in the clear site triangle as defined below. See figure 2 for more information.

A zoning permit is required before any fence, except for a temporary fence such as snow fencing or around a seasonal garden, is installed. The application for the zoning permit must include a site plan showing where the fence will be on the property, height of the fence, setbacks, and if on the property line, letters from adjacent property owners.

In most cases, you will need to locate your property pins.

Always contact Gopher State One Call before you dig. They can be reached online at call811.com or by phone by dialing 811.

This is a summary of the Montgomery Zoning Code; other restrictions may apply.

Figure 1:

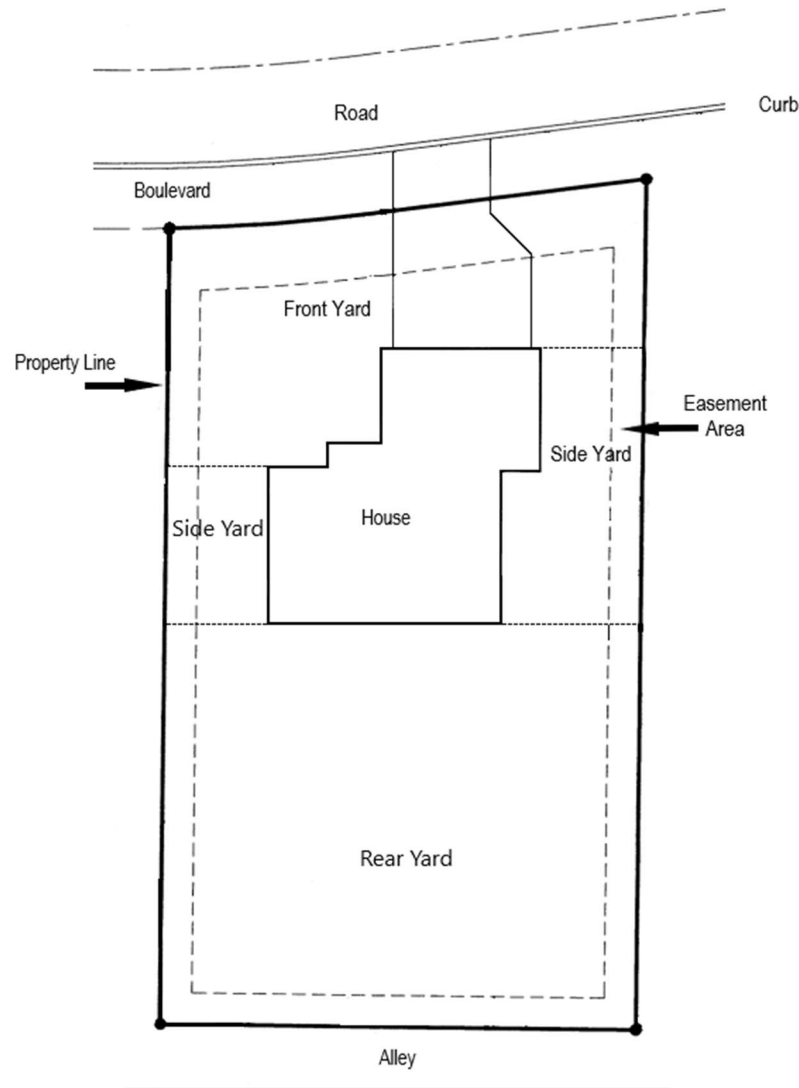


Figure 2:

