



## Front and Secondary Street Fencing (Residential)

Front fencing is any fencing forward of a dwelling, while secondary street fencing is fencing along the secondary street of a corner lot. A building permit may be required for front or secondary street fencing depending on the height and materials used.

**Note:** In addition to the information below, some residential estates have specific restrictions on the colour, type and height of fencing permitted. These limitations may be part of the estate design guidelines, a detailed area plan, or a restrictive covenant registered on the land title. For more information, check your land title or contact the estate developer.

### Front Fencing

A front fence may be constructed of masonry, timber, wrought iron, colour bonded metal or tubular steel. Using these materials, a building permit is not required unless:

- the fence is more than 0.75m high and constructed of masonry or similar (e.g. brick, limestone, concrete panels); or
- the fence is more than 1.2m high and constructed of materials other than masonry (e.g. pickets, tubular steel); or
- the fence is to be constructed within 8m of a street corner and is more than 0.75m high.

Other materials may be considered by an application for building permit, but front fences incorporating razor wire, electrified wire or fibrous cement sheeting will not be permitted on residential land.

A front fence may be visually permeable (see-through) up to 1.8m in height, with piers permitted up to 2m. Solid fencing is acceptable to a maximum height of 1.2m, however solid fencing adjacent to a street corner should not exceed 0.75m without considerations being made for vehicle sightlines. Fencing abutting a driveway should include a 1.5m clear truncation, or be visually permeable above 0.75m.

### Secondary Street Fencing

A secondary street fence may be constructed of masonry, timber, wrought iron, colour bonded metal or tubular steel. Using these materials, a building permit is not required unless:

- the fence is more than 0.75m high and constructed of masonry or similar (e.g. brick, limestone, concrete panels); or
- the fence is more than 1.8m high and constructed of materials other than masonry (e.g. sheet metal); or
- the fence is to be constructed within 8m of a street corner.

Other materials may be considered by an application for building permit, but front fences incorporating razor wire or electrified wire will not be permitted on residential land.

### Enquiries

If you require further information please contact Building Services on 9397 3000.