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Fence/Wall Permit Requirements Checklist

Fence and Wall Requirements

1. New install or replacement of fence will not require a permit for single-family residential, unless the fence is adjoining a public right-of-way, in the 75-foot stream buffer, or river corridor. A permit will be required for fences located along the public right-of-way to avoid encroachment into the right-of-way and to review for sight distance impacts.
2. Fences and walls shall not exceed a height of eight (8) feet from grade in residential districts. Column and ornamental heights are permitted to exceed the maximum fence/wall height up to three (3) feet.
3. Fences and walls shall be set back a minimum of 3 feet from a public right-of-way. A minimum three-foot landscape strip shall be provided between a fence or wall and a public right-of-way.
4. In all zoning districts except AG-1, M-1 and M-1A, wire and plastic fencing materials, including chain-link fencing with plastic or wooden inserts shall not be used adjoining a street right-of-way.
5. Walls and fences constructed along all property lines shall be constructed with a finished side toward the neighboring property.
6. Fence permit is not required for fences erected for agricultural purposes in the AG-1 District.

Required Fence/Wall Application Items

Apply for a fence/wall permit with items listed below through the Customer Self-Service (CSS) Portal - https://selfservice.johnscreekga.gov/EnerGov_Prod/SelfService#/home. Checklist items not applicable should be marked as "Not Applicable" in the online permit portal. An incomplete application will not be accepted.

1. Survey showing the property boundaries on all sides and including existing improvements (house, deck, patio, pool, driveway, sidewalk etc.), drainage and/or sanitary-sewer easements, stream buffers, undisturbed buffers, landscape strips, river corridor credits and specimen trees along with the location of proposed fence and its length in linear feet.
2. Fence/wall detail (i.e. illustration/photo of proposed fence/wall with height)

Fence Checklist

- ☐ Fence will function as a gated enclosure around a pool (See requirements)
- ☐ Fence in Tree Protection, Stream or River Corridor (See requirements)
- ☐ Required per the Ordinance or zoning condition
- ☐ Fence along Right-of-Way

Pool Fencing Requirements

1. Per Section 19.3.12 of the Zoning Ordinance, permanent fencing and gated enclosures are required for all pools within the City.
2. Fence design shall not produce a “ladder” effect that could aid in unauthorized climbing.
3. Pool fences must include at least one gated exit with a minimum width of 36” wide. This exit must open outward and be self-closing and positive-latching.
4. The minimum height of pool fences must be five (5) feet and the maximum height of the pool fence shall not exceed eight (8) feet.
5. Fences and walls used as fences may not be finished with bright or primary colors. **If only one side of the fence is to be finished, the fence shall be constructed with the finished side toward the neighboring property.**

Tree Protection, Stream and River Corridor

1. Show all specimen trees located on or proximate to the site or add the following statement to the Site Plan (in bold letters):
NO SPECIMEN TREES ARE LOCATED WITHIN FIFTY FEET OF THE PROPOSED DISTURBANCE
2. A Specimen tree is any hardwood 27” in diameter at breast height (DBH) or larger, any pine tree or other softwood and beech trees 24” DBH or larger, any under story tree (dogwood, redbud, sourwood, etc.) 10” DBH or larger. Removal of or encroachment into the critical root zone (CRZ) of a specimen tree without City Arborist approval will result in an immediate stop work order and issuance of a citation to appear in municipal court.
3. Show the 50’ undisturbed buffer and the 25’ impervious setback of the existing “waters of the state”. Encroachment into the 50’ buffer or construction in the 25’ impervious setback requires the approval of the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). If you are unsure if the feature on your property is “waters of the state” contact 678-512-3200 to arrange for a site visit.
4. Add the following note to the Site Plan (in bold letters):
CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AT 678-512-3200 TO SCHEDULE A PRE-CONSTRUCTION MEETING WITH THE SITE INSPECTOR PRIOR TO ANY DISTURBANCE.
5. **ARC approval** for all property within 2000 feet of the Chattahoochee River.

Applicable Fees

FENCE PERMIT	Residential	\$75
	Commercial	\$100
ADMINISTRATIVE FEE	Added to all permit fees, except for land use petitions and variances	\$50

CITY OF JOHNS CREEK REGULATIONS

4.11. FENCES AND WALLS

Fences and walls which conform to the provisions stated herein shall be permitted by the Community Development Department. Fences erected for agricultural purposes in the AG-1 District shall be exempt from permit requirements.

- A. Visibility Triangle. Fences, walls and vegetative materials used in association therewith must not obstruct the minimum sight distance requirements which are specified in the City of Johns Creek Subdivision Regulations administered by the Director of the Community Development Department.
- B. Gates. No part of a gate shall be located within 20 feet of a public right-of-way, nor shall any gate or vehicle in any way obstruct a public right-of-way or the minimum sight distance specified in the Subdivision Regulations regardless of whether open, closed or in an intermediate position.
- C. Maintenance of Required Landscape Areas. Landscape areas or strips required pursuant to this section shall be maintained in accordance with the requirements of the Tree Preservation Ordinance.
- D. Fence and Wall Materials. Where the Zoning Ordinance or zoning conditions require fences and walls to be solid/opaque, the visual density of the fence shall be such that it cannot be seen through. The following standards shall apply to fences and walls.
 - 1. Adjoining Right-of-Way. In all zoning districts except AG-1, M-1 and M-1A, wire and plastic fencing materials, including chain-link fencing with plastic or wooden inserts shall not be used adjoining a street right-of-way. The architectural treatment of poured concrete, common aggregate block or concrete block walls shall be approved by the Director of the Community Development Department. This provision shall not preclude the use of chain link fencing as a security fence around storm water facilities.
 - 2. Fences Along All Property Lines. Walls and fences constructed along all property lines shall be constructed with a finished side toward the neighboring property.
 - 3. Barbed Wire. Barbed wire may be used in the AG-1 District as long as its use is associated with a legitimate agricultural pursuit. Barbed wire shall not be approved for any single-family dwelling lots including such lots which are located in the AG-1 District. Barbed wire may be used for security strands in all but single-family dwelling districts at a height of at least 6 feet above grade.
 - 4. Minimum Landscape Requirements. A minimum three-foot landscape strip shall be provided between a fence or wall and a public right-of-way.
- E. Height. Fences and walls shall not exceed a height of eight feet from grade in residential districts. Column and ornament heights are permitted to exceed the maximum fence/wall height up to 3 feet.
- F. Setback. Fences and walls shall be set back a minimum of 3 feet from a public right-of-way.