

**DEFINITION:**

“**Fence**” means a vertical physical barrier constructed to try to reduce sound or visual intrusion or to limit unauthorized access. A fence may include gates, lattice, chain link, or a wall, but does not include the wall of an enclosed building.

“**Site**” means a lot, a part of a lot, or a number of lots located adjacent to one another which are considered for a single use or a mixture of uses, which is owned or managed as a single unit.

“**Yard, Flanking Side**” means a side yard abutting the road of a corner site.



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Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of information contained in this publication. However, in the event of a discrepancy between this publication and the current Town of Vermilion Land Use Bylaw, the Bylaw will take precedence.

A complete copy of the Land Use Bylaw 1-2020 is available on the Town of Vermilion website [vermilion.ca](http://vermilion.ca) under Local Government → Town Departments → Planning Development.

# Land Use Bylaw

## Residential Fence Regulations



# Land Use Bylaw 1-2020

## Schedule B - Part One

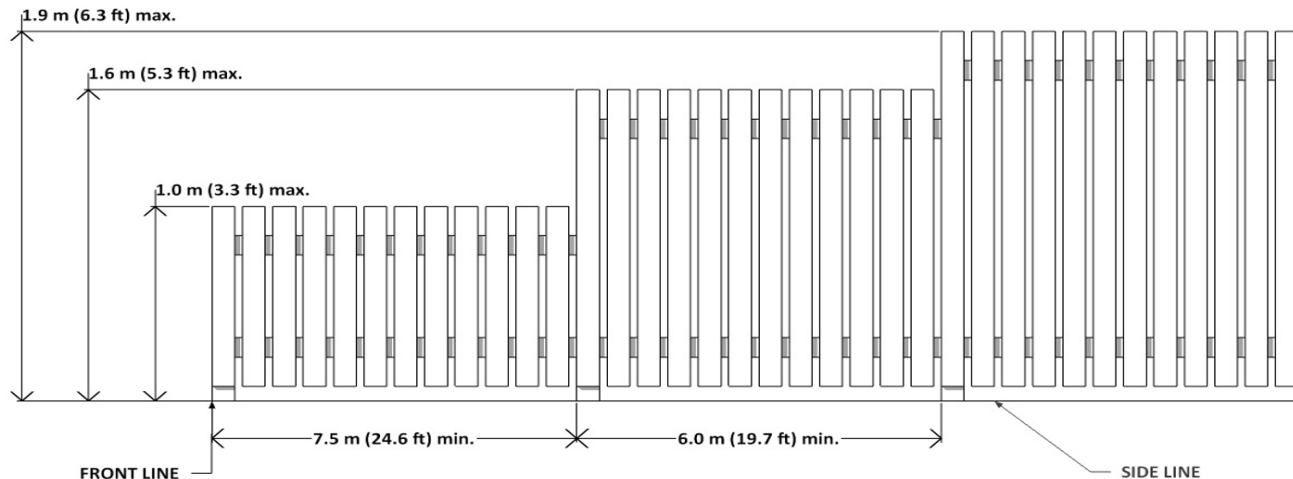
### General Use Provisions

#### Fencing

#### REGULATION:

1. A Development Permit is not required for the construction or maintenance of a fence or wall in a Residential District that meets the minimum requirements outlined in the general use provisions of the current Land Use Bylaw.
2. No fence or hedge shall be:
  - a. higher than 1.9 m (6.3 ft.) above grade in side yards and rear yards; or
  - b. higher than 1.0 m (3.3 ft.) above grade in front yards; or
  - c. higher than 2.4 m (7.9 ft.) above grade at the highest point of a gate that is not more than 2.5 m (8.2 ft.) in length; or
  - d. higher than 1.0 m (3.3 ft.) above grade within the sight line protection area as provided in the sight line protection section of the current Land Use Bylaw.
3. In the case of a corner site, a fence or hedge shall be no higher than shown in the *Figure 1* within the minimum required flanking side yard.

Figure 1 – Fencing within Minimum Required Flanking Side Yard (Not drawn to scale)



4. For the purpose of screening and sound attenuation, special consideration may be given for residential lots to allow the rear or side yard fence height to be increased to a maximum of 2.44 m (8.0 ft.) in height if;
  - a. a lot is immediately adjacent to a main collector or arterial roadway which directs traffic in or out of an Industrial District, or
  - b. a lot is immediately adjacent to the railway separated only by a roadway, or
  - c. a lot is immediately adjacent to a property used for a lawful non-residential use that generates more traffic that would normally be characteristic of the residential uses in the area.
5. All fences shall be made of a permanent material and of sturdy construction by being adequately anchored and fixed to the ground, such that they are freestanding and not supported by any other building.
6. No barbed wire, electric, or razor wire fences shall be allowed.
7. The Development Authority may require that a fence or hedge be provided to a height of at least 1.5 m (4.9 ft.) surrounding the following where they would be visible from a road or from an adjacent dwelling:
  - a. outdoor storage areas,
  - b. garbage and/or recycling collection areas, and
  - c. loading or vehicle service areas.

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#### Sight Line Protection

#### REGULATION:

1. On corner sites, no fence, wall, tree, bush, structure or thing more than 1.0 m (3.3 ft.) in height shall be erected, placed or maintained within the 6.0 m (19.7 ft.) triangular area on *Figure 2*.
2. At the intersection of driveways and roads or lanes, no fence, wall, tree, bush, structure or thing more than 1.0 m (3.3 ft.) in height shall be erected, placed or maintained within the 3.0 m (9.8 ft.) triangular area on *Figure 2*.

Figure 2 – Sight Line Protection (Not drawn to scale)

