



FENCES

A building permit is not required for the installation of a fence unless the fence will be taller than six feet. The Smyrna Zoning Ordinance limitations on where fences can be erected are below. Smyrna Planning Office has a copy of most subdivision plats which illustrate any easements, property line dimensions, locations where property pins should be, etc. However the Town of Smyrna does not survey property. If you need to have this completed you will have to contact a land surveyor. To have gas lines & other underground services marked before you dig call Tennessee One Call - 800-351-1111.

Fences cannot enclose any utility meters.

Below is an excerpt, concerning fences, from the Smyrna Zoning Ordinance. If you would like further explanation on fence restrictions call the Smyrna Codes Department at 615-355-5704.

3.180 *Fences. Fences are allowed to be installed on any lot in any district subject to the following limitations:*

A. No encroachment on the front setback is allowed. In the case of a lot with multiple road frontages, this would include the front yard setback on which the principal structure faces. On any road frontage, which the principal structure does not face, a fence could encroach on the front yard setback provided the provisions of Article III, Section 3.080 are met.

B. Fences and decorative fences are allowed to be located along property lines in the side and rear yards.

C. In no case shall a fence or decorative fence encroach upon a public utility or drainage easement without prior written approval of the Director of Utilities or the Town Engineer, whichever is applicable.

D. Decorative fences are allowed to encroach upon a front yard setback. However, no fence or decorative fence is allowed to encroach upon public right-of-way.

3.080 *Obstruction to vision at street intersections and railroad intersections prohibited. On a corner lot in any district except the Central Business District within the area formed by the center lines of the intersecting or intercepting streets and/or railroads and a line joining points on such center lines at a distance of seventy-five (75) feet from their intersection, there shall be no obstruction to vision between the height of three and one-half (3 1/2) feet and a height of ten (10) feet above the average grade of each street and/or railroad at the center line thereof. The requirements of this section shall not be construed to prohibit any necessary retaining wall.*