

## BUILDING A FENCE?



### Where can I build my fence?

A fence may be constructed within your property up to and along your property boundaries. For fences constructed between properties, the location of the fence should be decided with the neighbours. A fence must not be constructed on Town administered lands (boulevards, lanes, utility lots, etc.), nor restrict visibility required for safe traffic flow.

### How do I determine where my property boundaries are?

Using an Alberta Land Surveyor's Real Property Report for reference can help you to locate your property boundaries. This document is usually provided to an owner when a house is purchased. Otherwise, a qualified land surveyor can be employed to establish the lot boundaries.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

**It is your responsibility for confirming/determining the depth and locations of all underground services to the parcel (including water, sewer, gas, power, etc.)**

**Before you dig call  
Alberta First Call at 1-800-242-3447,  
the Town Public Works Department  
at 723-6461 and  
Shaw Cable at 1-866-344-7429**

### What construction materials can I use for my fence?

Fences are to be aesthetically pleasing, and may be constructed from wood, metal, stone, or brick. Electric and barbed wire fences are not permitted in residential areas.

### What are my obligations if my neighbour wants to construct a fence?

Construction of a fence is a cost that neighbours often decide to share. Any problems over fence construction or location must be solved between neighbours.

### Processing your Application

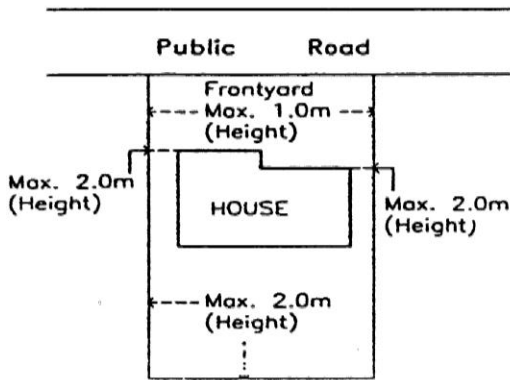
(ONLY for fences in front or flanking front yards or exceeding height limits – see Application Procedure on the following page)

Development Permit Applications are available from the Engineering and Planning Department or on the Town website at [www.edson.ca](http://www.edson.ca) under Departments then Planning.

Your application will be reviewed by a Town Development Authority who will either approve, or refuse the permit based on the merits of the application. Neighbouring property owners may be notified of your proposal before a decision is made. All decisions of the Development Authority may be appealed to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board within 21 days of written notice of the decision.

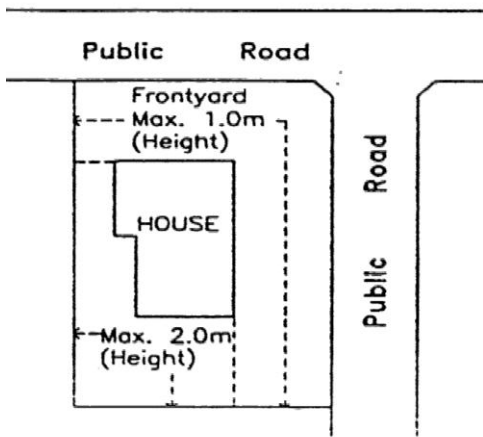
## Application Procedure

You do not require a Development Permit to erect or construct gates, or fences, up to 1.0m (3 ft. 3 in.) high in front yard and flanking front yard and 2.0m (6 ft. 6 in.) in side and rear yard.



**INTERIOR PARCEL**

Figure 1



**CORNER PARCEL**

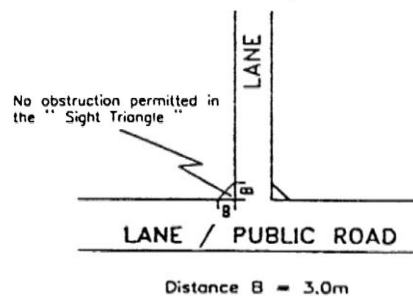
Figure 2

However, you require a development permit if your fence is higher than 1.0m (3 ft. 3 in.) in the front or flanking front yard or higher than 2.0m (6 ft. 6 in.) in the rear and side yard as shown in Figure 1 & 2.

In the case of corner parcels, in all Land Use Districts, there shall be no obstruction of the sight triangle by fencing or other screening including landscaping as follows:

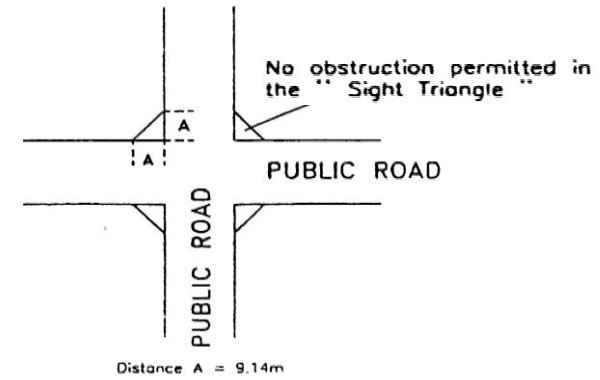
- In the case of laneways, the triangle formed at a parcel corner located at the intersection of a lane and a street, or a lane and a lane, with each side of the triangle being 3.0m (3 ft. 3 in.) in length.

### LANE ABUTTING LANE OR PUBLIC ROAD



- In the case of all other roads each side of the triangle must be 9.14m (30 ft.) in length.

### ALL PUBLIC ROADS



### Where to Apply

Town of Edson  
Engineering & Planning  
Box 6300 (605 – 50<sup>th</sup> Street)  
Edson, Alberta, T7E 1T7

[www.edson.ca](http://www.edson.ca)

Office Hours. . . . . 8 am to 4 pm  
Inquires & Fee Information. . . 723-4402

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