



BUILDING DEPARTMENT  
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**\$80 Application Fee**

**FENCE APPLICATION FOR PERMIT**

**Drawing is required showing the following:**

**Permitted styles & materials**

▪ Existing buildings and structures	▪ Chain link cyclone (metal)
▪ Property lines and easements	▪ Picket (wood or vinyl)
▪ Location/dimensions of existing fence, if applicable	▪ Board-on-Board (wood or vinyl)
▪ Location/dimensions of proposed fence	▪ Wire fences may be chain link with appropriate posts & rails

**Wood fence must have FINISHED SIDE (GOOD SIDE OF FENCE) FACING OUT TOWARDS NEIGHBORS**

**Prohibited fences:** Except for the provision in the city code – fences, walls, or structural screens may not contain barbed wire, electric current/charges of electricity, scrap building materials or metals.

**Fences - height and setbacks requirements:**

- 18" setback from sidewalk
- 30" tall if made of material which may obstruct vision (picket fence)
- 4' tall if open weave or chain link
- Corner lot - 25' setback from property line (for both front and side street lot lines), before fence can be 6' tall
- Side and rear yards – maximum fence height is 6'
- Fence (along driveway/alley that intersects a street) may only be 30" tall for 25' in any direction from the right-of-way

*Appeals – deviations from established fence regulations may be appealed to the Zoning Board of Appeals  
 Fence regulations are found in the City of Owosso Code of Ordinances Section 38-393 Fences & Hedges*

**Permit application address:**

Fence work:	<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> Repair	<input type="checkbox"/> Gate	
Fence style:	<input type="checkbox"/> Chain link/cyclone (metal)	<input type="checkbox"/> Picket (wood or vinyl)	<input type="checkbox"/> Board-on-Board (wood or vinyl)	<input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Private (vinyl) 6" board 7/8" gap or 3" board 1/2" or 3/4" gap
Fence material:	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood	<input type="checkbox"/> Vinyl	<input type="checkbox"/> Metal	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fence length:	<input type="checkbox"/> Fence height:			

Is there an existing fence at the proposed location? YES NO

*Only 1 fence may be constructed along any common adjoining property line. Existing fences must be removed before a new fence is erected.*

**Property Owner Information/Affidavit:**

*I do hereby certify that I am the owner of the property here in described and that I have given the Contractor herein named permission to perform the work described in this application and accompanying documentation, which are a part of this application. I further give permission to the City of Owosso to access my property for purposes of a site inspection of the fence.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contractor Information (if applicable):**

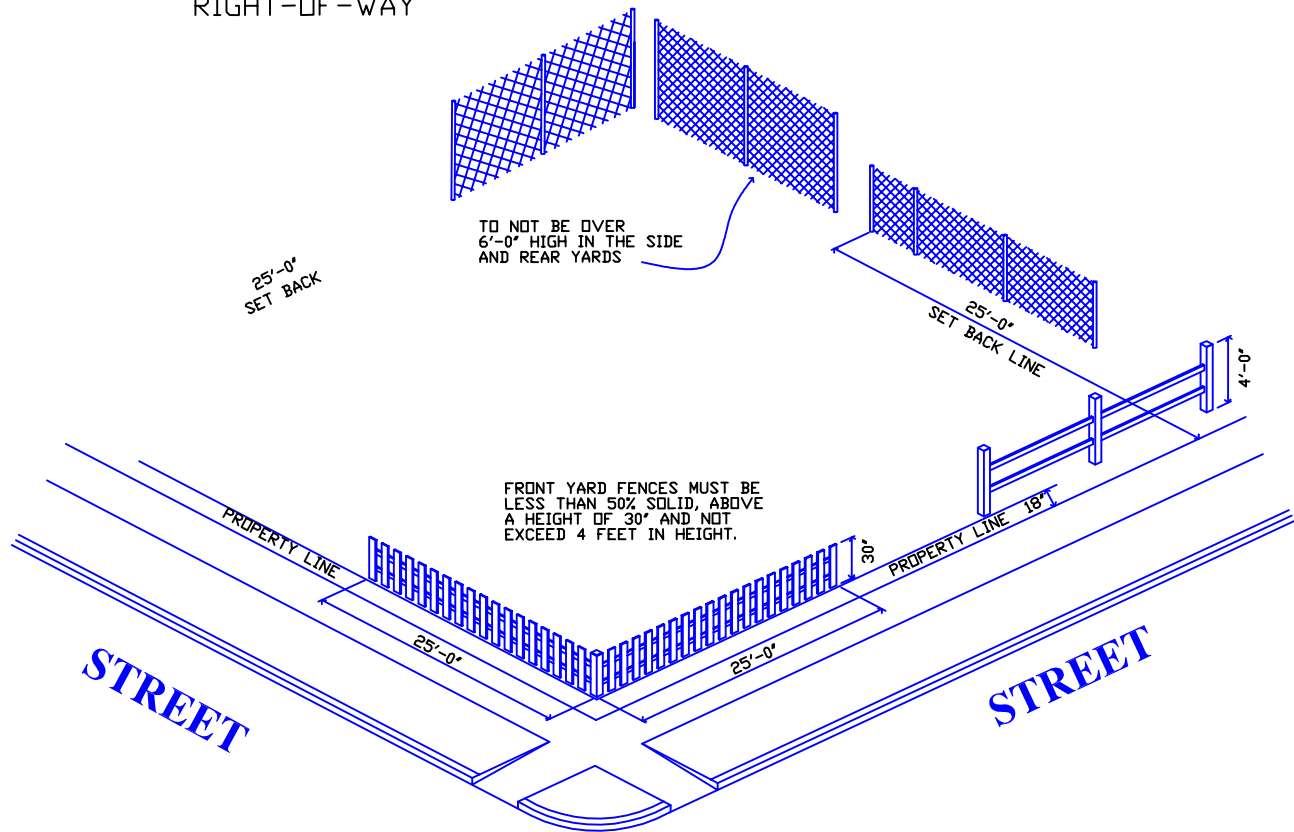
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 Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_



# CITY OF OWSSO BUILDING DEPARTMENT FENCES

## FENCES—FRONT YARD OR CORNER LOTS

- \* 18" SETBACK FROM SIDEWALK
- \* 30" TALL IF MADE OF MATERIAL WHICH MAY OBSTRUCT VISION (OVER 50% SOLID)
- \* 4' TALL IF MADE OF MATERIAL WHICH IS LESS THAN 50% SOLID
- \* CORNER LOT—25' SETBACK FROM PROPERTY LINE (FOR BOTH FRONT AND SIDE STREET LOT LINES), BEFORE FENCE CAN BE 6' TALL.
- \* SIDE AND REAR YARDS—MAXIMUM FENCE HEIGHT IS 6' FENCE (ALONG DRIVE/ALLEY THAT INTERSECTS A STREET) MAY ONLY BE 30" TALL FOR 25' IN ANY DIRECTION FROM THE RIGHT-OF-WAY



### NOTE:

- 1) ALL FENCES ARE TO BE INSTALLED COMPLETELY TO MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTIONS.
- 2) ANY FENCE WITH AN UNFINISHED SIDE E.G. STOCKADE FENCE, SHALL BE INSTALLED ALONG OR ABOUT A LINE SO THAT THE FINISHED SIDE OF THE FENCE FACES THE EXTERIOR OF THE LOT.
- 3) THE FENCES SHOWN IN THIS ILLUSTRATION ARE MERELY EXAMPLES. ANY FENCE, WHETHER STRUCTURAL OR BOTANICAL, ARE PERMITTED EXCEPT THOSE CONTAINING BARBED WIRE, ELECTRIC CURRENT, OR CHARGES OF ELECTRICITY, SCRAP BLDG MATERIALS OR METALS.
- 4) ON CORNER LOTS, FRONT YARDS THAT FUNCTION AS EXTERIOR SIDE YARDS, FOLLOW FRONT YARD RESTRICTIONS OR MINIMUM SET BACK WHICH EVER IS THE GREATER DISTANCE
- 5) IF YOUR PROPERTY LINES ARE UNCLEAR A SURVEYOR IS RECOMMENDED.