



Residential Fencing Installation and Approval Requirements

Dividing Fences

- Dividing fences are generally 1800mm high, colorbond steel sheeting or corrugated fibre cement sheeting, erected in accordance with manufacturers specifications
- The maximum height of a dividing fence cannot exceed 2000mm without Council approval
- Dividing fences are not to act as retaining walls unless specifically designed to do so
- Uncapped sheet metal, electrified or barbed wire are not permitted in residential areas
- All masonry fencing will require a building permit when its height exceeds 750mm

Front Boundary Fencing

- A front fence forward of the building line and higher than 750mm will require a building approval prior to being erected
- A front boundary fence must provide sightlines for motorists by splaying the fence onto the driveway 1500mm x 1500mm, unless the fence is assessed by Council as being open construction that does not obscure lines of vision
- Corrugated fibre cement fencing is not permitted on front boundaries
- Fences higher than 750mm and within 8 metres of a corner are not permitted without a favorable traffic safety assessment

Information to be submitted for a fence approval

- A Building Application Form BA2 -http://www.buildingcommission.wa.gov.au/docs/building-act-forms/ba02_application_for_building_permit_uncertified_12032012.pdf
- Two copies of plans and details
- Site plan must indicate the following:
 - To scale not less than 1:200
 - Street names, lot and house number
 - Dimensions of lot
 - Position of fence on the lot
 - Driveways on the property and adjoining lot
- Elevation Plan must indicate the following:
 - Elevation to scale not less than 1:100
 - View from the street
 - Materials of construction
 - Architectural features
 - Attached piers and column centres
 - Height above ground level
 - Visually permeable construction above 750mm (front fence)
- Sectional view must indicate the following:
 - View to scale not less than 1:50
 - Construction method
 - Footing sizes and reinforcement
 - Height above ground level
- Refer to Schedule of Fees for fees & charges

All information and fees must be submitted at time of lodgment of application

- *Please call City of Gosnells Building Services for further information - 9397 3000*



Further references can be made to:

- **Fencing within front setbacks** - Council Policy 5.1.20
- **Fencing Local Laws** - City of Gosnells Local Laws relating to Fencing 2000
- **Dividing Fences** - governed by Building Commission - link to www.bc.wa.gov.au/dividingfences

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