

The City of Dayton's Code Compliance is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for the citizens of Dayton by providing public service in assuring compliance with Public Nuisance, Animal Control, Street, Building, and Zoning Ordinances. We are committed to working with both citizens and businesses in a professional and effective manner. Enforcing city codes protects the values and aesthetics of property.

What is Code Compliance?

Code Compliance is used for addressing violations of codes and/or public health and safety issues. Code Compliance actions are taken by priority, both proactively and reactively in response to requests for action received from citizens.

How Do I Notify the City of a Possible Code Violation?

Complaints can be filed by using the Request for Action Form, and sending it by email, mail, fax, or filling it out in person. A completed form must be included with the following information: your name, phone number and address, the exact street address where the possible violation has occurred and specifics regarding the violation before city compliance officer will investigate.

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11.01.050.1

Fences and Sightlines
Guidelines for fences on
residential lots

Code Compliance

Fences Types

A fence is normally thought of as a permanent wood or chain link fence. The definition of a “fence” as it relates to zoning code involves more than what we consider the typical fence. Typical fences would be: wood slat, split rail, PVC, chain link, or woven wire. Barbed wire is not allowed, with the exception that you may repair or mend an existing fence. Natural fences are any plant that provides a solid barrier more than six feet in length. These are typically shrubs, and trees, and must also follow the same rules as fencing when it comes to sightlines and set backs.

Fences must also be maintained. Any fence that is falling over or in disrepair is considered a nuisance.

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"Fence" means an accessory structure, including landscape planting, designed and intended to serve as a barrier, or as a means of enclosing a yard or other area or other structure, or to serve as a boundary feature separating two or more properties.

Setbacks and Heights

Setbacks as applied to fences determine what height you can build your fence. The setback areas are the front, side, and rear of the property. If you are on a corner lot you also have what is called a front flank. Contact the Planning Department to determine your primary front and flank front.

Setbacks	Zones	
Location	*AR	*UR
Primary Front	25'	20'
Front Flank	20'	15'
Side/Rear	10'	5'

Fence Height		
Front Setbacks	4'	4'
Side/Rear	6'	6'

Before constructing a fence please contact the City of Dayton Planning Department to avoid any re-work.

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"Setback" means the minimum distance that buildings/structures, or uses, must be set back from a property line. In no event shall any structure, fence or paved area encroach upon public right-of-way.

*AR-Agricultural Residential *UR-Urban Residential

Vision Clearance Area

At intersections of streets alleys, and/or driveways, the area adjacent to each intersection must be maintained in a clear and open condition to provide for safe vision of pedestrian and vehicle traffic on the intersecting streets. The vision clearance area for streets is measured 15 feet back from both corners of the property line on the street, alley, or driveway and then intersected to make a sight triangle. Inside the sight triangle there may be no fence or vegetation that stands more than three feet above the finished grade of the adjacent street.

Trees inside the vision triangle may not be any lower than ten feet from finished grade. Trees should not be planted within the sight triangle.

Information regarding the sight triangle can be found in the City of Dayton Development Standards.

