

Why get Fence Permits:

A fence permit is required before a perimeter fence or wall may be constructed, reconstructed, or altered within the City of Cottonwood. With the **EXCEPTION** of fences in GA, General Agriculture Zone, intended for the keeping of livestock, however all said fences shall conform to all fencing requirements.

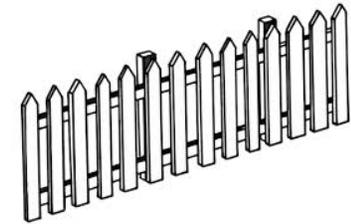
Building without a permit can lead to:

- Fines and Citations from the City of Cottonwood, or State of Arizona Registrar of Contractors
- Removal of work at the cost of the Homeowner



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Requirements for Fences

- Fences and walls in all Zoning Districts shall be constructed of material in new condition only.
- Material must be wood, woven wire or masonry of conventional design, except in any Agricultural or Agricultural-Residential Zoning Districts where pipe shall be allowed. Fences or walls of other designs or materials, shall be allowed by Conditional Use Permit.
- No solid Fence or Hedge over three (3) feet in height and no Chain link or wire fence over four (4) feet for the front yard or street viewing side yard is allowed.
- Non-street side and backyard fences cannot be more than six (6) feet high, without an approved Conditional Use Permit.
- Street-side yards must maintain the required setback for that zone to allow a fence six (6) feet in height.
- The height regulations shall not apply when fences of greater height are built around schools, or other public or quasi-public institutions when necessary for safety or restraint of the occupants, or when required by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

- No person shall place a fence or wall near any fire hydrant, fire department connection or fire protection system valve that would prevent such equipment or hydrant to be quickly found or accessible by the fire department.
- A minimum of three (3) feet clear space shall be maintained around the circumference of the fire hydrant except as otherwise required by the Code Review Board, Fire Chief or Fire Marshal.
- No wall or fence shall contain barbed wire, electrical current or charge of electricity, broken glass or similar hazardous materials or devices.
- In Industrial Zoning Districts fences enclosing storage areas may contain barbed wire so long as the wire is located no less than six (6) feet above grade.
- In Agricultural or Agricultural-Residential Zoning Districts barbed wire shall be allowed with a Conditional Use Permit.
- Swimming Pools or spas shall be entirely enclosed by a solid wall, wood or chain link fence no less than five (5) feet nor more than six (6) feet in height so as to prevent uninvited access.



How to Apply

Complete a Building Permit application form. These forms can be obtained either at the Community Development Office or on the city website at <http://www.cottonwoodaz.gov/158/Building-Division>

All items are to be submitted with the application:

- A legible drawing showing all fence dimensions, gates, lot lines, setbacks and buildings on the property and all adjacent streets and alleys.
- Indicate the height of the fence and type of materials it is to be constructed with.
- If the fence/wall is constructed of block or concrete indicate the type of reinforcing and the type and size of footings.

Any Questions about Fence Permits

Please Contact:

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