

B.4.1 Fences and Walls

- A. Fences of cast iron or other original materials should be preserved.
- B. Fences of cast iron when appropriate to the architectural style of the building may be added.
- C. Fences of chain link, poured concrete, concrete block, or wood in basket weave, louver, spilt rails, horizontal board, lattice, stockade or shadowbox designs shall not be visible from the street.
- D. Walls of free-standing brick are generally not appropriate in front yards but are acceptable at rear yards and side yards not visible from the street.
- E. Traditional plantings such as hedges and shrubs are acceptable as alternatives for fences in historic districts.

Wood picket and plank fences and cast iron fences were widely used in residential areas before 1945 to separate lots, outline front yards, and enclose domestic animals and pets. However, few original cast iron fences remain standing.

More recently chain link fences and other designs in wood have become popular but these are non-historic fence materials and are not acceptable.

B.4.1.1 Fences in Front and Side Yards

- F. Fences of wood pickets or balusters are appropriate for front yards. Such fences shall be painted or stained. Pickets or spindles should be no wider than four inches, and be set with top and bottom rails and may have a bottom baseboard. Fences more than 50% open should be no more than 42 inches in height. Fences less than 50% open, should be no more than 36 inches in height.

Historic fences should be preserved and maintained. The construction of new fences based upon historic designs and materials is appropriate.

In addition to the Fence Provisions of the Aurora Zoning Code the following apply.

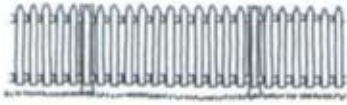
Solid board fences are not appropriate for use in front and side yards and should be avoided. **Therefore, the Aurora Zoning Ordinance fence provisions notwithstanding, up to a 72 inch fence may be allowed in an interior side yard only if the portion of said fence over 60 inches is more than 50% open.**

B.4.1.2 Fences in Rear Yards

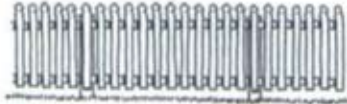
- G. Fences can be constructed in the same low fence design found in the front yard.
- H. Fences of wood boards or planks for privacy should be located in rear yards and should be no taller than six feet. Boards should be no more than six inches wide. Privacy fences of flat, vertical boards with flat tops are most appropriate for the historic districts. Vertical boards topped with lattice or pickets are also appropriate.

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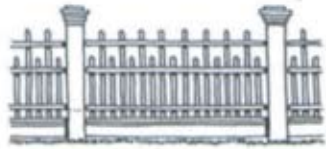
Appropriate Front Yard Fences:



▪ *Simple picket*



▪ *Tulip-top picket*



▪ *Balusters and spindles*

Fences appropriate for rear yards:



▪ *Vertical board*



▪ *Vertical board with lattice top*



▪ *Vertical board with top rail*

Fence styles NOT allowed if visible from the street



▪ *Horizontal basket weave*



▪ *Louver*



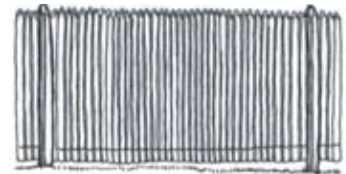
▪ *Split-rail with bracing*



▪ *Horizontal board*



▪ *Lattice*



▪ *Stockade*



▪ *Shadowbox*