

Fence Requirements

Prior to construction of any fence, the property owner or owner's representative must obtain a City permit and conform to the minimum standards of the Municipal Code, including those in Sec. 15.32.010 and Sec. 17.16.120. Fences must be located completely on the owner's property. The following provides a summary of the City's requirements as an aide to property owners and contractors, but is not intended to replace or supersede the City's Municipal Code or any other adopted City regulation or requirement.

Minimum Building Requirements:

- Fences less than 4 feet in height – no building code requirements.
- Solid fences 4 to 6 feet in height:
 - ✓ One four by four post, or equivalent, for every thirty square feet of fence area set in concrete at minimum depth of 1.5 feet and 8 inches diameter.
 - ✓ Fences 4-5 feet in height: two horizontal stiffeners, lower horizontal stiffener within 12 inches of ground and upper horizontal stiffener 12 inches to top of posts.
 - ✓ Fences 5-6 feet in height: three horizontal stiffeners equally spaced.

See diagram on the back for minimum standards.

Minimum Zoning Requirements:

- Fences not subject to a Planned Unit Development (PUD):
 - ✓ Fences located in front of the minimum front yard building setback are limited to 4 feet in height.
 - ✓ Fences located behind the minimum front yard building setback are limited to 6 feet in height.
- Fences subject to a PUD: Many neighborhood PUDs have specific fencing requirements in addition to those noted in the Municipal Code. You can review your PUD using the City's Online Map at www.louisvilleco.gov/residents/planning or by stopping by the Planning Division at City Hall, 749 Main Street.
- All fences must meet minimum vision clearance requirements at intersections ([see Louisville Municipal Code Sec. 17.16.100](#)).

You may also contact the Planning Division at 303-335-4592 if you have questions regarding any fence or zoning requirements.

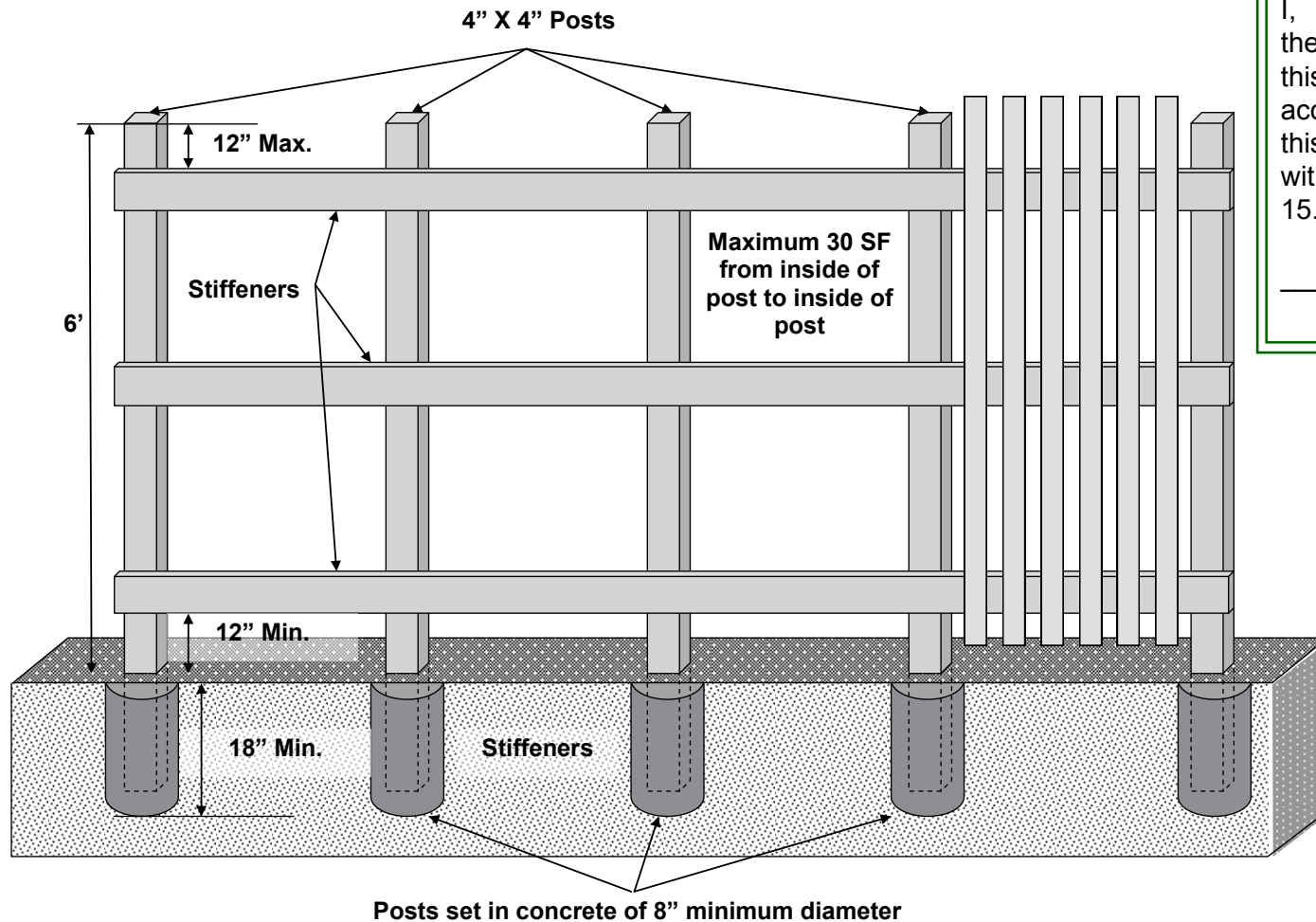
Submittal Requirements:

The following checklist is provided to help you prepare a complete permit application submittal and proceed with your project:

- Miscellaneous Building Permit Application:** This application is available at the Building Safety Division counter or online.
- Two (2) Sets of Construction Plans:** Submit plans demonstrating minimum height, design and materials and compliance with building code requirement, or sign the back side of this form certifying compliance.
- Two (2) Copies of Site Plan:** A site plan must be submitted based on an accurate survey illustrating the location of the fence to property lines, adjoining street lines and other structures on the property.

Please note the City does not review plans for compliance with subdivision covenant agreements. Always check with your home owners association for specific restrictions.

Solid Wood Fence Diagram



I, the undersigned, certify that the fence constructed under this permit will be constructed in accordance with the illustration on this document and in accordance with Municipal Code Sec. 15.32.010 and Sec. 17.16.120.

Applicant

All solid wood fences must be constructed to meet the following minimum design standards (Louisville Municipal Code Sec. 15.32.020):

1. All solid fences four feet to six feet in height shall have one four by four woodpost, or equivalent, every 30 square feet of fence area.
2. For fences four feet to five feet in height, two horizontal stiffeners are required. The lower stiffeners shall be within 12 inches to ground level and the upper stiffeners shall be 12 inches to the top of the posts.
3. For fences over five feet in height, three horizontal stiffeners shall be required, equally spaced from ground level to the top of the fence.
4. All posts for fences of four feet to six feet in height shall be set in concrete at a depth of not less than one and one-half feet into the ground. Diameter of the concrete required under this section shall not be less than eight inches.
5. All fences constructed under this standard must be kept in good repair.