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Fences: What you need to know

- Maximum height for a fence in a residential district is **6 feet tall**.
- The most pleasant or decorative side of a fence must face adjacent lots with all posts being located in the yard of the owner.
- No barbed wire, spikes, chipped glass, electricity or similar materials or devices can be used in residential districts.
- Fences cannot impede or obstruct access to the rear of the yard for the allowance of emergency equipment.
- Fences cannot be located in the front yard without the approval of the Town of Gates Zoning Board of Appeals. In addition, all front yard fences must be **3 feet tall or less** and must be located at least **3 feet** from any front or side lot lines.

Additional requirements for non-residential districts

- The minimum height for a fence in a non-residential district is **6 feet tall** and the maximum height is **8 feet tall**.
- Barbed wire and electric fences are permitted upon issuance of a Conditional Use Permit by the Town Board.