

# Town of Arborfield

Policy: 16-003

## FENCES

### Interpretation

- 1(1) Installation of fencing on residential lots should be in accordance with the following guidelines:
- (2) In this policy please refer to Figure (a) for the following definitions:
  - (a) "height" means measurement of the fence from the ground to the top of the fence and posts;
  - (b) "corner lot" means a lot situated at the intersection of two streets;
  - (c) "interior lot" means any lot that is not a corner lot;
  - (d) "front lot line" means the front yard property line at the street;
  - (e) "side lot line" means the side yard property lines;
  - (f) "rear lot line" means the rear yard property line;
  - (g) "front yard" means the area directly in front of a house;
  - (h) "side yard" means the area directly beside a house;
  - (i) "rear yard" means any other area not directly in front or beside a house;
  - (j) "corner visibility triangle" means the right angle triangle formed by the intersecting lot lines situated where two streets intersect, measuring 6 meters (20 feet) from their point of intersection and joining them with a line.
  - (k) "driveway visibility triangle" means the right angle triangle formed on each side of a driveway and the abutting street, measuring 4 meters (13 feet) from their point of intersection and joining them with a line.

### Interior lots

- 2(1) Fences can be a maximum height of:
  - (a) 1.2 meters (4 feet) in the front yard; and
  - (b) 1.8 meters (6 feet) in the side and rear yards.

### Corner lots

- 3(1) Fences can be a maximum height of:
  - (a) 1.2 meters (4 feet) in the front yard; in the corner visibility triangle 0.9 meters (3 feet);
  - (b) 1.8 meters (6 feet) in the side yard; in the corner visibility triangle 0.9 meters (3 feet); and
  - (c) 1.8 meters (6 feet) in the rear yard.

### All lots

- 4(1) Fences must have the minimum setbacks:
  - (a) .3 meter (1 foot) from the front lot line;
  - (b) 0 meter (0 foot) from the side lot lines if on an interior lot;
  - (c) .3 meter (1 foot) from the side lot line of a corner lot that is abutting the street;
  - (d) 0 meter (0 foot) from the rear lot line that is abutting another lot; and
  - (e) .9 meter (3 feet) from the rear lot line that is abutting an alley.

**Materials/Other**

- 5(1) Barbed wire is prohibited on residential properties;
- (2) A fence may not be located over a water shut off valve.
- (3) In the event of excavation for servicing of water lines, fences located on or near a water shut off valve shall be moved at the owner's expense.
- (4) A gate may be installed across a driveway, but must be a width of at least 2.7 meters (9 feet) wide.

Adopted this 17 day of May, 2016

FIGURE (a)

