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**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: FENCES & SHEDS**

**FENCES**

- Fences require a building permit, even when replacing an existing fence.
- Fences can be located on the property line. There is no required setback.
- Maximum height of a fence is 6 feet and no more than 3 feet in the front yard.
- There is no requirement that the “good side” face the neighbor.
- In the historic districts, the design of a fence must be reviewed by the City Planning Commission.

**Application process:**

1. Draw the fence location on a survey map of the property.
  - The City does keep survey maps, but such a map may be available from the County Clerk
2. Indicate the height and type of fence (e.g. 3-foot, vinyl picket fence).
3. Building Permits require:
  - Signature of the homeowner
  - Proof of Workers Compensation Insurance by the contractor installing the fence.

**RESIDENTIAL STORAGE SHEDS**

- Sheds require a building permit, even when pre-fabricated and set on skids.
- Sheds must be located in the side or rear yards.
- Sheds must be located 5 feet from the property line and 10 feet from the house.
- In the historic districts, the design of a shed must be reviewed by the City Planning Commission.

**Application process:**

1. Draw the shed location on a survey map of the property. Indicate setback dimensions.
  - The City does keep survey maps, but such a map may be available from the County Clerk
2. Indicate the design and materials of the shed. Construction details are not required.
3. Building Permits require:
  - Signature of the homeowner
  - Proof of Workers Compensation Insurance by the Contractor or firm delivering the shed.