



Fence Handout

International Building Code Chapter 1, section 105.2 #2 and International Residential Code Chapter 1, section R105.2 #2 exempts fences seven (7) feet and under.

The construction of a fence on a shoreline property is limited due to shoreline buffers and setbacks. If your property is near or adjacent to a stream, creek, pond, wetland, saltwater or freshwater, please contact the Planning Department prior to constructing a fence regardless of height. The Planning Department can be reached at 360.427.9670 ext. 352.

The fence height measurement for this determination shall apply as follows;

The height is measured from finished grade on the fence owners property, to the top of the highest component of the fence. The term fence will include all components of the fence. If there is a difference of elevation between neighboring properties the measurement will be that of the owners fence on the owners property.

If grade is irregular the fence must follow the grade.

At no point shall the fence exceed seven (7) feet above grade, if the fence exceeds seven (7) at any point it requires a Building Permit and will require setbacks* be met.

