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**International Building Code Chapter 1, Section 105.2 requires a building permit for fences over 6 feet (1829 mm) in height.** Fences 6 feet and under do not require a building permit, but may require shoreline view review.

***The measurement for this determination shall be as follows:***

Measured from the finished grade on the owner's property to the top 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 application will be that of the owner's fence on the owner's property. If there is mutual agreement between two property owners to construct the fence on the property line, that agreement is the owner's responsibility and elevations will be a part of their agreement.

The term 'finished grade' shall be that as defined in Chapter 5, Section 502, Grade Plane, International Building Code. Where the finished ground level slopes away, the reference plane shall be established by the lowest points within the area.

At no point shall fence exceed 6 feet above grade, if so a permit will be required.

In the following illustration, X shall be any distance measure as a difference of elevation.

