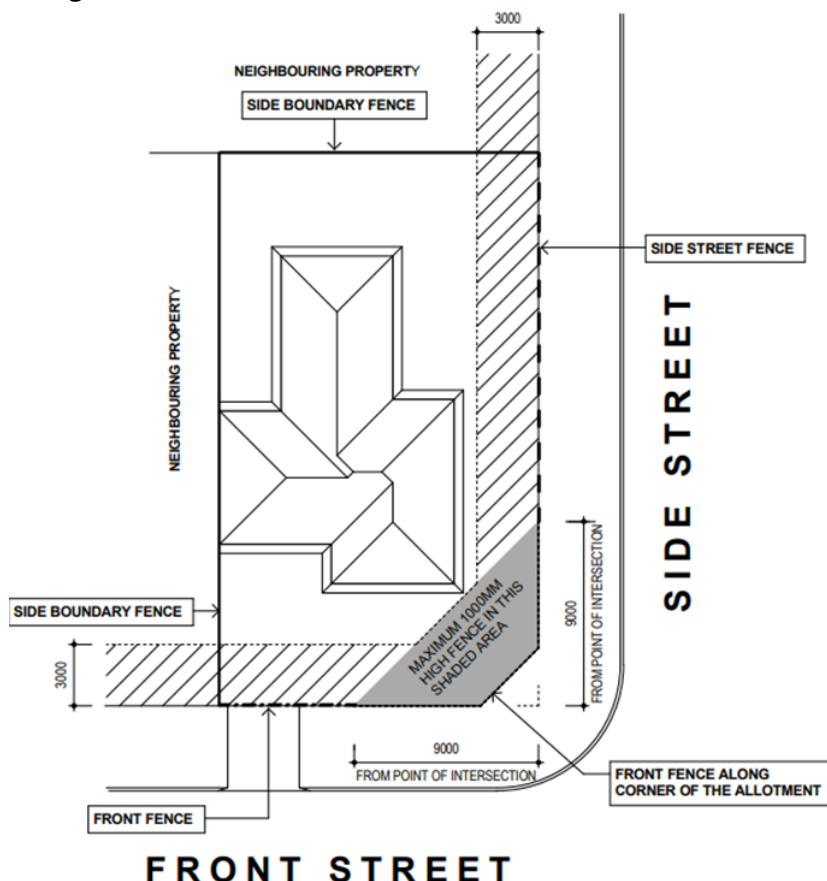


When is a building permit not required for a fence?

This depends on where the fence is located and what the fence is made of. There are special rules for masonry fences - fences that contain concrete, bricks, or similar materials. Timber or steel fences are regarded as lightweight.

No building permit is needed in these four cases:

1. Within 9 m of a street corner (the grey area in the diagram), if the fence is 1 m or less in height;
2. Within 3 m of the street alignment (the hatched area in the diagram), if the fence:
 - is a masonry fence 1.2 m high or less, or
 - is a lightweight fence 1.5 m high or less;
3. Elsewhere (not in the grey or hatched areas), if the fence is less than 2 m in height.
4. If the fence is a chain wire fence surrounding a tennis court.



Other important things to note:

A permit **is required** for a fence that is part of a pool barrier or an outdoor play space associated with a children's service.

Even with a permit, front fence height is limited to 1.5 m (or 2 m on a declared road). If you wish to exceed that you will need to apply to Council for Report and Consent.

Always check your title for covenants and other restrictions before building.

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