

FRONT FENCES

GUIDELINES

General

- Garden walls, retaining walls, hedges and fences can define the edge between the Public Street and private yards. They also define the street face where buildings are absent.

Size

- Solid walls should be a minimum of 6 inches thick and may have a horizontal cap.
- Front yard walls and fencing should have a consistent height between 2'-8" to 3'-6" from finished grade.
- The top of the fence should remain level in stepped conditions.

Location

- Garden walls, retaining walls, hedges and fences should be built to within 1 to 2 feet from the back of the sidewalk, assuming that it falls within the property line, to allow room for footings and planting at the edge. (See Image 4)
- Where the property line is behind the back of the sidewalk by more than 2 feet, the fence line should be allowed to encroach within the public right of way to within 2 feet of the back of the sidewalk at the owner's risk and subject to review by staff.
- Walls and fences should not be used in front of retail except in situations where retaining walls are necessary to accommodate grade changes.

Character

- Where garden walls or privacy walls are constructed coplanar with the front facade they should be constructed consistent with material of the first floor of the primary building and they should be coordinated with the architectural detailing of the primary façade.
- Retaining walls should be masonry or stone.
- Fences should be made of ornamental iron, steel, wood pickets or a synthetic wood product (such as Wood-filled Recycled Plastic Lumber) and may have stucco or masonry piers. (See Images 5 & 6)
- Metal fences should be black or green.
- Hedges may be used in place of any fence, subject to the same height parameters and high maintenance standards.
- Vinyl or plastic, that is not a recycled synthetic material, fencing should not be permitted.
- Fences or garden walls may have a hardy species of hedge or climbing vine planted along their length which softens and adds richness to their look.

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ELEMENTS



Image 1 - The collective look of fencing along a street offers an appealing and rich appearance to the neighborhood.



Image 2 - Metal fencing utilizing brick piers with caps. The setback was also arranged with a hedge which helps to frame the sidewalk.



Image 3 - Black metal fences that have a lower height allow the property to be open to the street and allows the architecture to be seen on the street.

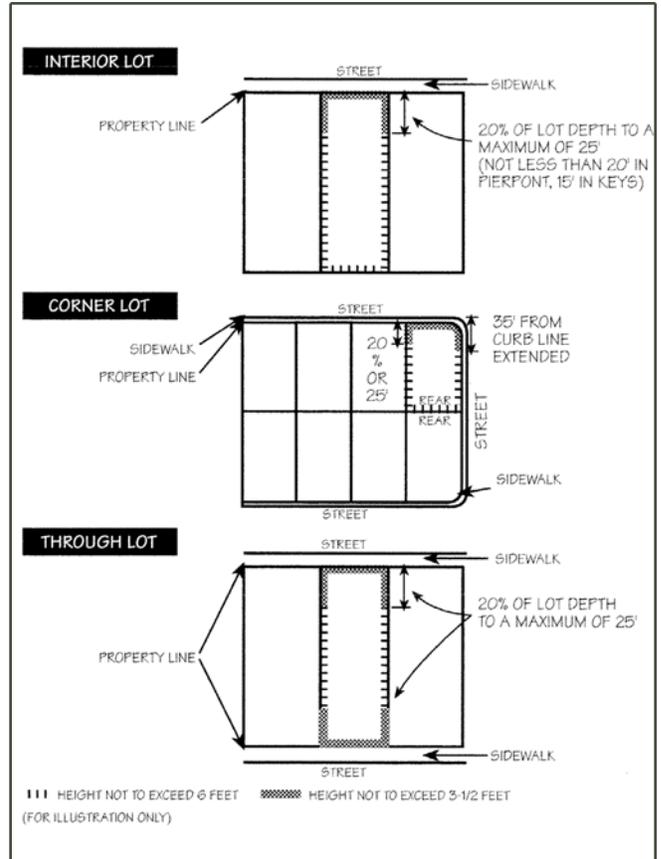


Image 4 - Fence height requirements in residential zones from the City of San Buenaventura Planning Division.



Image 5 - Recycled Plastic Lumber carved into a decorative post.



Image 6 - Recycled Plastic Lumber used in a picket fence. This material can be painted or shaped like any other wood product but has the durability of plastic