



# CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA

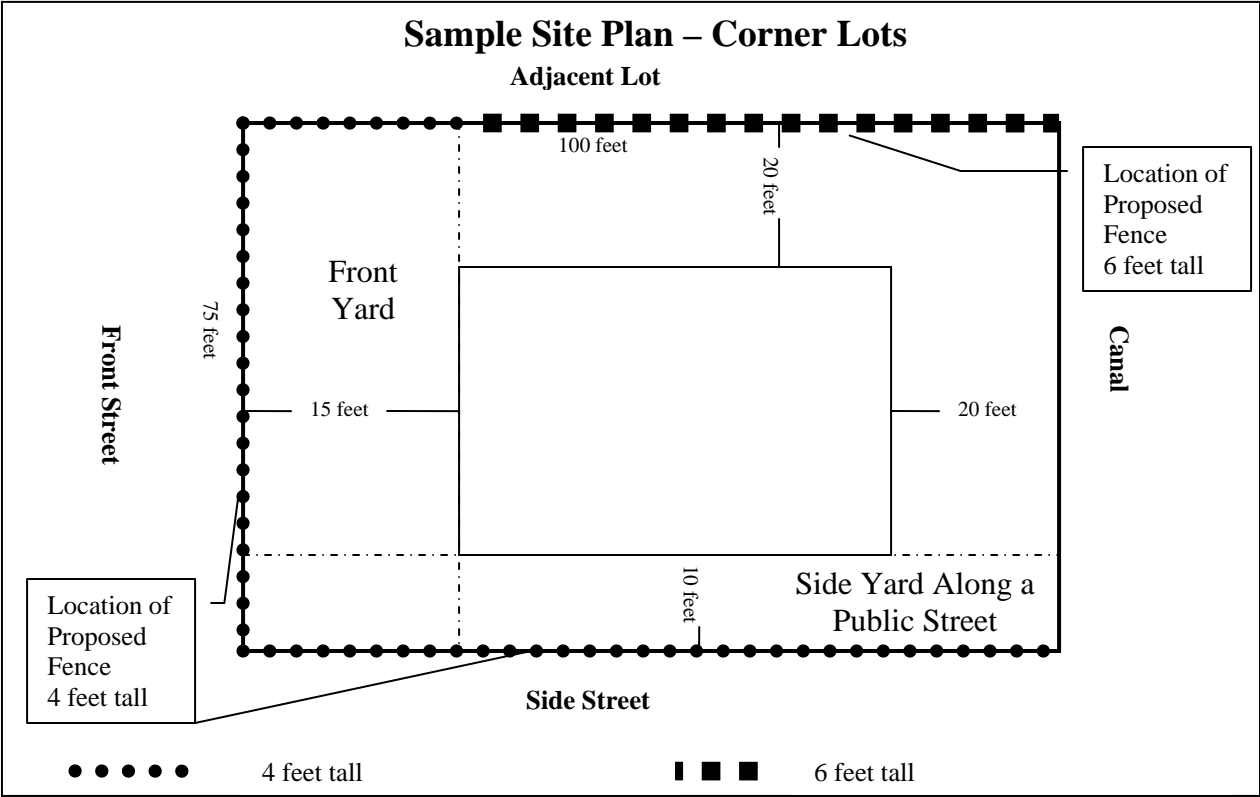
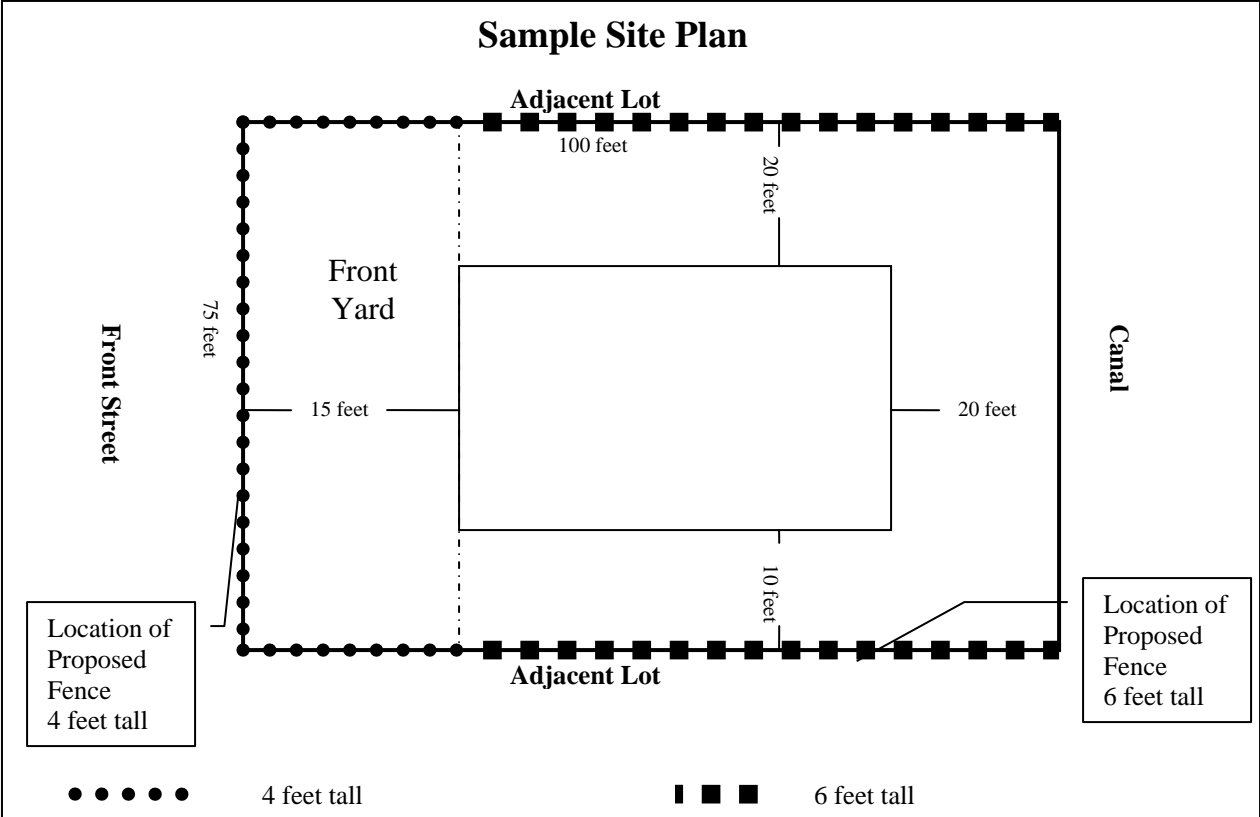
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## *Requirements to Obtain a Fence Permit*

1. **Completed Building Permit Application.** Please make sure that you clearly indicate the type of construction, the proposed total linear feet of the fence, estimated cost of the fence, and real estate number of property, and the name and license number of the contractor (if applicable).
2. **Letter of Approval from the owner of the property** if the lessee desires to perform the work.
3. **A Survey of the property must be provided.**
4. Three copies of a **site plan** showing the dimensions of the lot, all existing structures on the property, all access drives, and the location of the proposed fence, **including the fence type and height.** A sample site plan is included in this package.
5. Three copies of a **Sectional Drawing of Fencing, showing foundation, reinforcement, etc.** (If fence is in a V” zone made of solid masonry or considered a retaining wall, a statement from an architect or engineer that the fence either breakaway or will not cause a water ramping effect detrimental to the principal structure.)

### **All fences must comply with the following:**

- a. In general, no fence shall exceed four (4) feet in height in the front yard. Height is to be measured from the unimproved grade or crown of road (**Whichever is Lower**)  
The front yard varies depending on the zone the property is located within. The front yard also includes the portion of the side property lines within this front yard. The following are common front yard requirements:
  1. Single Family Residential And Duplexes/Non Residential Uses in Residential Zoning Districts
    - a. (for lots greater than 4,500 square feet): 15 feet
    - b. (for lots less than 4,500 square feet): 10 feet
  2. Multi Family And Churches: (see LDR's)
  3. Mixed Use: (see LDR's for Design Guidelines)
- b. For the area outside of the front yard, a fence shall not exceed six (6) feet.
- c. On corner lots, a fence must meet the requirements of a fence in the front yard (see section (a.) above, for the portion along the public street within the required side yard.
- d. On properties zoned Mixed Use (MU), Mixed Use Maritime (MU-M), all fences may be a maximum of eight (8) feet regardless of the front yard.
- e. On properties zoned Industrial (I), all fences may be a maximum of twelve (12) feet regardless of the front yard.
- f. No fence shall be located within the clear-sight triangle (i.e., an area at an intersection that is not obstructed and remains visibly clear).
- g. No Fence may extend into, through, or beyond any wetland, water body or the Mean High Water line.
- h. No fence shall be installed or maintained within 36 inches of a fire hydrant or within 12 inches of any utility



## ***Permit Checklist*** ***Fence***

**\_\_\_\_\_ Completed Building Permit Application**

- Type of fence
- Linear feet of fence
- Estimated cost
- Name of the contractor (if applicable)

**\_\_\_\_\_ Letter of Approval from the owner of the property (if applicable)**

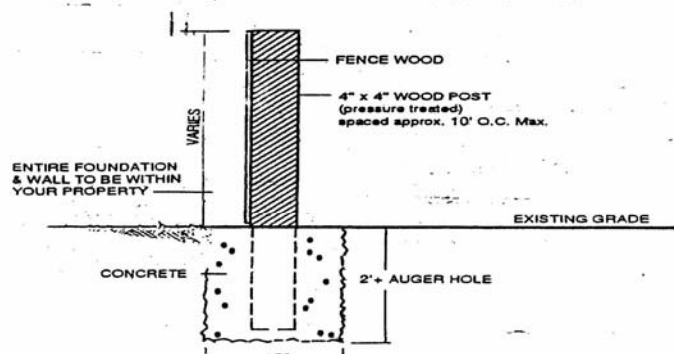
**\_\_\_\_\_ Survey**

**\_\_\_\_\_ Site plan (highlight the location of the proposed fence)**

**\_\_\_\_\_ Sectional Drawing of Fencing (must show overall height and foundation measurements)**

(See attached example)

# FENCE EXAMPLE CROSSECTIONAL



**FENCE TO FOLLOW CONTOUR OF LAND  
HEIGHT TO BE MEASURED FROM UNIMPROVED GRADE  
OR  
CROWN OF THE ROAD  
WHICHEVER IS LOWER**