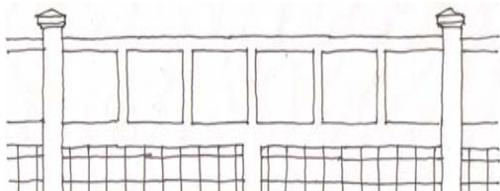


## COMPATIBLE FENCES

Fences and gates set up the experience of entering a house and show hospitality. The right fence design can be an attractive feature that unites the building and landscape while enhancing privacy, establishing property boundaries, and protecting children and pets. Fences on Springfield's historic properties do not have to be historical re-creations, but they look best when their scale, design, and materials harmonize with the size, style, and period of the house.

For more information on fences typical for the period of significance of your home, please visit:

<http://www.springfield-or.gov/dsd/Planning/hcommission/index.htm>



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Prohibited Fence Materials

Fences made of pallets, cloth, tarps, or sheets of plastic that are non weather resistant, or materials of an unsightly nature are prohibited. Springfield Municipal Code 5.002(3)

### Fences and Utility Easements

A fence may be built on a utility easement AT YOUR OWN RISK, and utility access must be granted. It is recommended that a gate be installed for access when a fence is built on an easement. For specific utility information, please contact the appropriate utility company (e.g. SUB, NW Natural, CenturyLink, Comcast, etc.).. Call 8-1-1 for locates.

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## REFERENCES

Springfield Development Code 4.4-415

Springfield Historic Design Guidelines



# Fences in the *Historic Overlay District*



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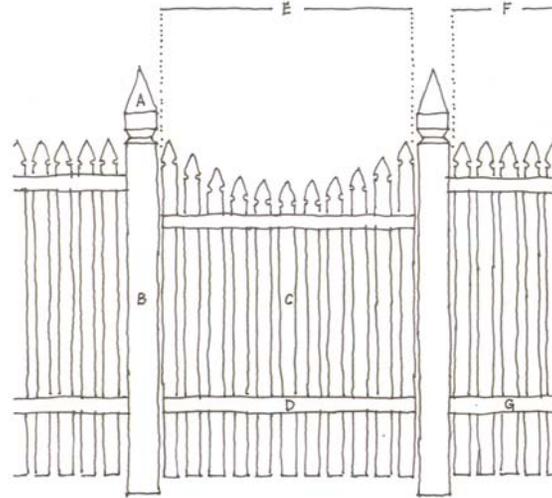
# RESIDENTIAL FENCES IN THE HISTORIC OVERLAY DISTRICT

## HISTORIC GUIDELINES & DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

Fencing should be of an open design and lower than 4 feet in height, *particularly facing the street.*

**Avoid chain link or tall vertical fence boards.**

## FENCE BASICS



A FINIAL B POST C PALE D BRACE E GATE F PANEL G RAIL

### Pickets (Pales)

There are many ways to dress up picket fences for a more ornamental or architectural effect. The simplest approach is to cut the picket tops into points (acute angles or arches), semicircles, or historical decorative designs such as diamonds or spears. Narrow pickets, about 2 square inches and spaced widely apart appear more elegant and are especially appropriate for late-Victorian homes.

It is quite acceptable to use a more decorative (and expensive) fence for the front of the house and utilitarian fencing for common property lines.

### Posts

As well as being structurally essential, posts can mark gateways and contribute visual interest by making those entrances larger or by having distinctive finials. Wood fencing and posts are traditional in western OR. If post tops extend above the bulk of the fence, they look best and last longest when finished with bevels, caps, or finials that also shed water.

### Gates

Can either blend into the fence, or be a focal point. Choose latches and hinges that area appropriate to your property's style and period and make them rugged enough to keep the gate from sagging, but not oversized and out of scale. Gates should not swing out over the sidewalk or other public right-of-way.

### Maximum Fence Height (feet)

25-foot vision clearance triangle on <b>corner lots</b>	2.5
15-foot vision clearance triangle at <b>alley accesses</b>	2.5
10-foot vision clearance triangle of <b>driveways</b>	2.5
10-foot <b>front yard setback</b>	3
<b>Other</b> areas of yard	6

Any fence that exceeds the allowed heights listed above requires a Type III Discretionary Use (fences) application and approval.