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# Portland, OR

## Fence permit planning sheet

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### The starting point

Portland exempts wood/similar fences not over 7 feet, masonry/concrete/similar fences not over 4 feet and typical woven-wire/chain-link field fencing not over 8 feet from the ordinary building-permit requirement. Pool barriers require permits and flood-area rules remain. Zoning height and setbacks are separate. Prepare the applicable site and structural plans, use Development Hub PDX, obtain issued approvals and complete required inspections.

### Before work starts

- [ ] Confirm Portland, Oregon jurisdiction, base zone, overlays, flood conditions and lot lines.
- [ ] Record material, full height with top additions, scope and any pool or retaining function.
- [ ] Check front area, street/corner layout, pedestrian connections, right-of-way and trees.
- [ ] Prepare applicable dimensioned site and structural plans; confirm any required engineering.
- [ ] Use Development Hub PDX and the correct city fee schedule; resolve review corrections.
- [ ] Obtain issued approvals before work and complete required inspections and final records.

**Not a permit, property survey, engineering plan or legal determination.**

Confirm current rules, site conditions and required approvals with the authority.

Official sources, conditions and the full guide:

**fenceadvisors.com/blog/portland-or-fence-permits-code**

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