



BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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GUIDELINE FOR INSTALLING FENCES

This handout is a guide only and does not contain all the requirements of the City of West Fargo Building Code or City Ordinance

Fence Permits are required for installing fences.

There are no **Fence Permit Fees** for the installation of fences.

Information required to be submitted along with your application for a building permit:

SITE PLAN – Show outside lines and dimensions of the property.
- Show the location of the buildings located on the property.
- Indicate the type of fence and height.

ELEVATIONS – Show how the fence will look from each side.

Fence permits shall be approved prior to the beginning of installation. Generally, if you bring your application into the Building Department a building department inspector will review and if approved will sign the permit as approved. Otherwise, if an inspector is not available or if the application is and plan submittals are received by mail or fax an inspector will contact you upon approval.

FENCE CONSTRUCTION GUIDELINES

1. Fences shall be defined as an artificially constructed structure of any material or combination of material erected to enclose or screen areas of land.
2. Fences are permitted in the buildable area and in any required yard.
3. Fences along the sides and front edge of any required front yard shall be a maximum of 2 feet 6 inches in height, except open fences, such as split rail or chain link without privacy slats, which permit a direct vision through at least 75% of the fence surface area, shall be allowed a maximum height of 4 feet.
4. Fences along the sides and rear edges of the required side and rear yards shall be allowed a maximum height of 6 feet.
5. All fencing and screening shall meet visibility requirements for intersections by not impeding vision between a height of 2 feet 6 inches and 10 feet within 30 feet from the intersecting curb lines, or within 20 feet from the intersecting property lines if there is no curb.
6. Fences are allowed to be constructed up to the property line. Be advised the owner of the fence must maintain and keep the fence in good condition without encroaching onto the neighboring property. Also, if the fence is set back away from the property line the area between the property line and fence must be maintained.
7. No fence shall be constructed or maintained with electrified barbed wire or other spiked materials which may pose injurious to public health and safety.
8. Posts and other supporting structure used in the construction of the fence shall be faced inward toward the fence owner's property being fenced.
9. It shall be the responsibility of the property owner to locate property corner pins prior to installing fence. If the property corner pins cannot be located then the owner shall have the property survey by a Registered Professional Surveyor.

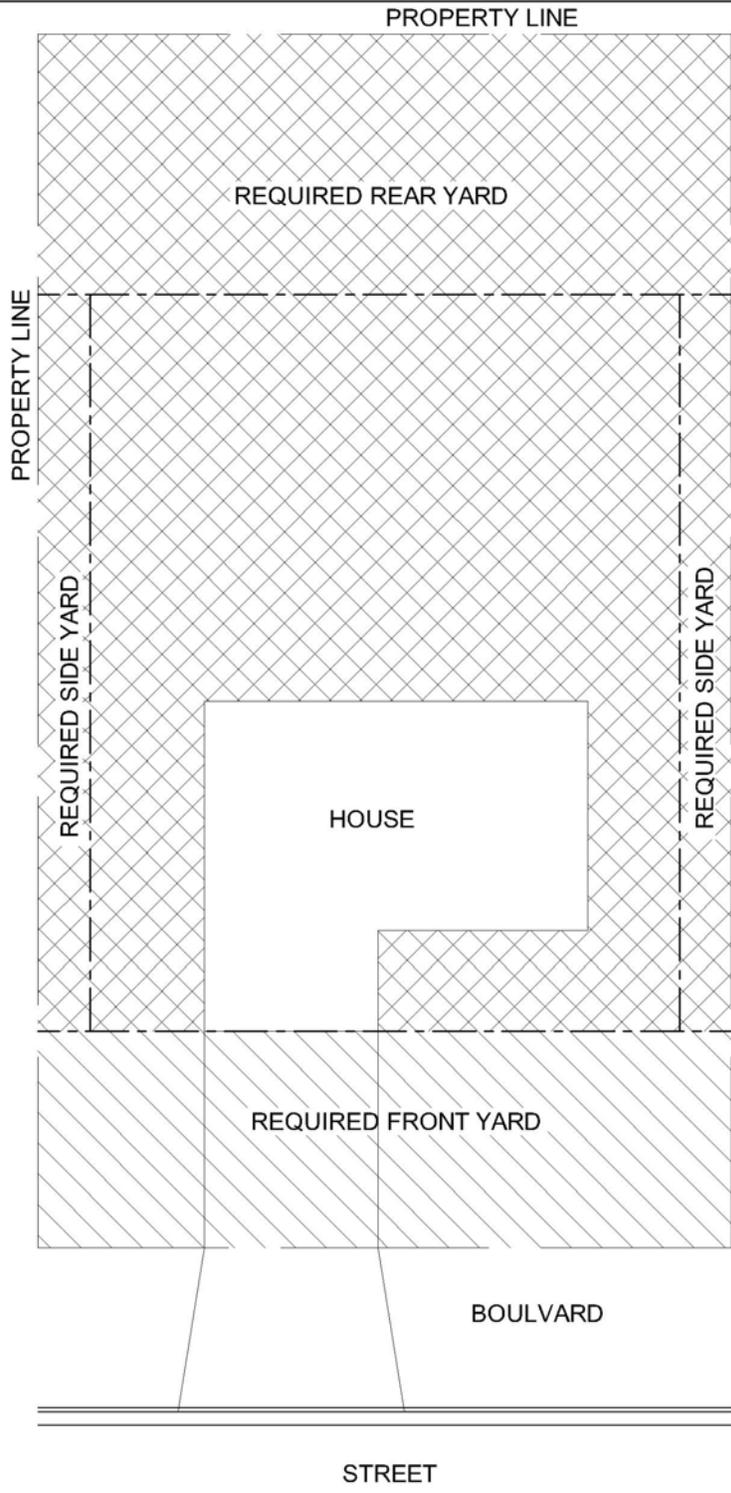
All fencing requirements are governed by Section 4-441 of the West Fargo City Ordinance.

REQUIRED INSPECTIONS

1. **Site inspection** – prior to construction and after the property corner pins have been located and exposed.
2. **Final** – when the fence is completed.

It shall be the responsibility of the permit holder to notify the Building Department when work is ready to be inspected. No work shall commence until the inspection is complete and approved.

The following sheets are only provided as reference to assist you in drafting your plans for your project.

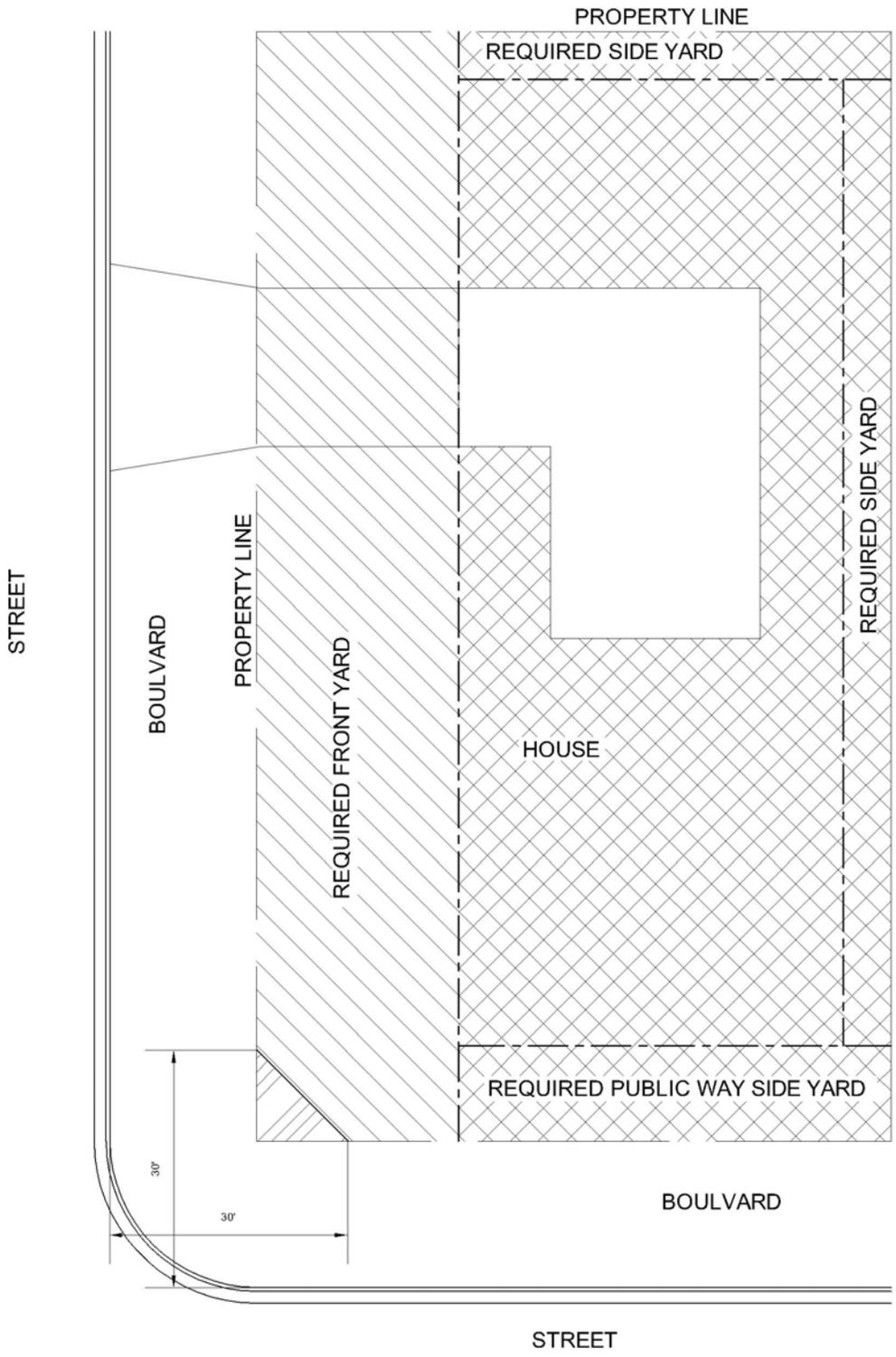


-  MAXIMUM FENCE HEIGHT - SOLID - 2 FEET 6 INCHES
- 75% SEE THROUGH AREA - 4 FEET
-  MAXIMUM FENCE HEIGHT - ANY TYPE - 6 FEET
-  MAXIMUM FENCE HEIGHT - ANY TYPE - 2 FEET 6 INCHES



TYPICAL FENCING REQUIREMENTS
INTERIOR LOT

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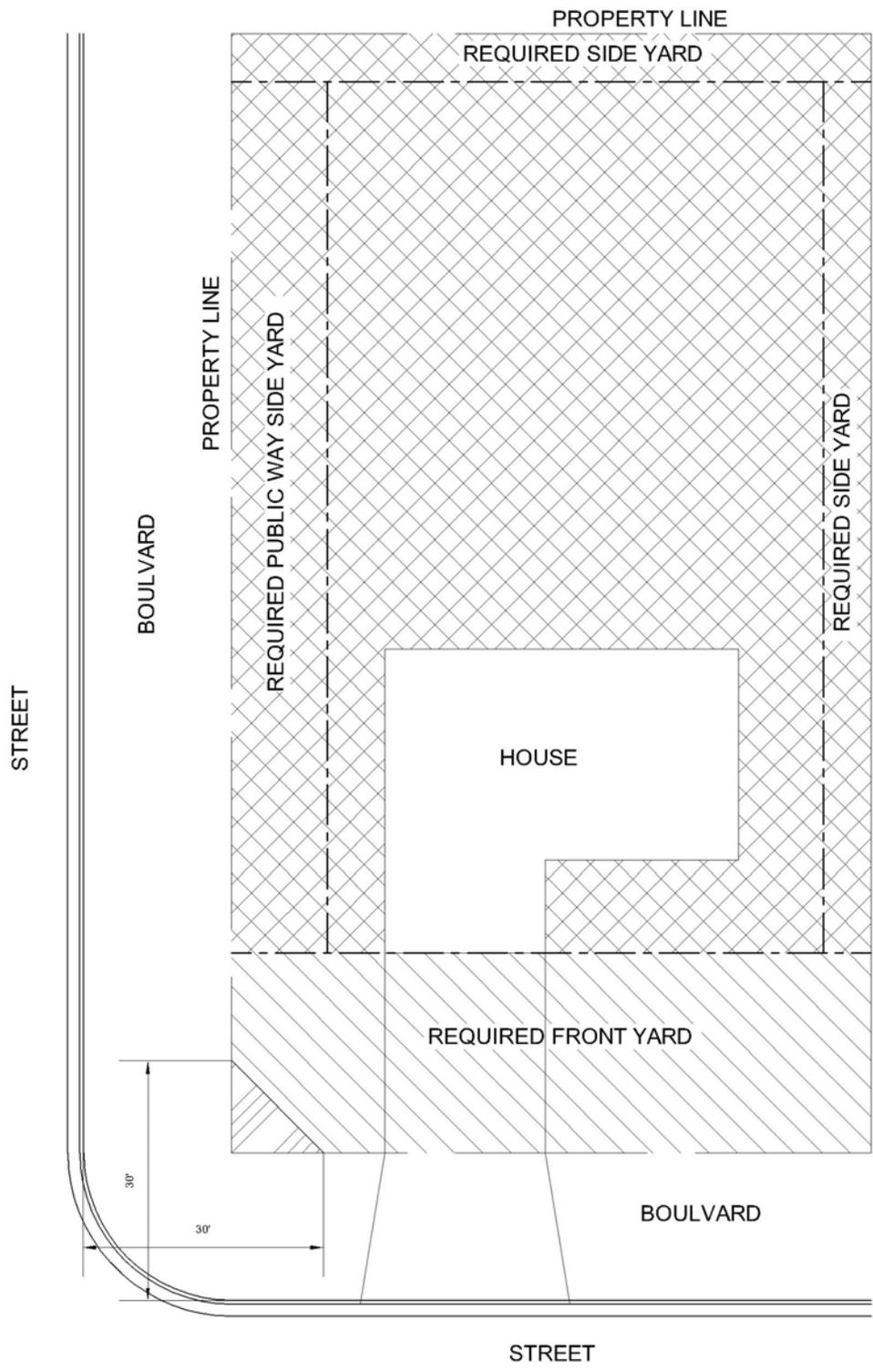


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TYPICAL FENCING REQUIREMENTS
CORNER LOT

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-  MAXIMUM FENCE HEIGHT - SOLID - 2 FEET 6 INCHES
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TYPICAL FENCING REQUIREMENTS
CORNER LOT ALTERNATE

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FENCE PERMIT APPLICATION

SITE ADDRESS _____ **DATE** _____

OWNERS INFORMATION:

NAME _____ **PHONE** _____

ADDRESS _____ **ZIP** _____

INSTALLERS INFORMATION:

COMPANY NAME _____ **PHONE** _____

ADDRESS _____ **ZIP** _____

CONTACT PERSON _____ **PHONE** _____

FENCE INFORMATION:

PROPERTY TYPE: () RESIDENTIAL () COMMERCIAL

DESCRIBE TYPE OF FENCE TO BE CONSTRUCTED:

PLEASE INCLUDE A DRAWING OF THE PROPOSED FENCE ON THE LOT AS IT RELATES TO THE PROPERTY LINES, BUILDINGS, SIDEWALKS, UTILITY BOXES, ETC. (USE THE BACK OF THIS SHEET IF YOU NEED MORE SPACE)

PLEASE CALL NORTH DAKOTA ONE CALL @ 1-800-795-0555 TO HAVE UTILITIES LOCATED ON YOUR PROPERTY PRIOR TO BEGINNING CONSTRUCTION.

CERTIFICATION:

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE REGULATIONS FOR FENCES AS GOVERNED BY SECTION 4-441 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WEST FARGO AND THAT I HAVE READ AND EXAMINED THIS APPLICATION AND KNOW IT TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____