

Summary of Fence Height Information Collected from Other Municipalities
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Billings, Montana: The Billings Code allows the construction of a six foot fence on top of a six foot high retaining wall because they measure height on the at-grade side of the retaining wall. However, their Code also requires that any fence/wall in excess of six feet in height be setback from the lot line just like a building.

Sioux Falls, South Dakota: Sioux Falls allows the construction of a six foot fence on top of a six foot retaining wall.

Cheyenne, Wyoming: The Cheyenne Code is the same as Rapid City's currently is as it prohibits the placement of a fence on top of a wall if height exceeds six feet, but the fence can be moved just slightly in from the wall and then can be constructed.

Fargo, North Dakota: The Fargo City Code allows a maximum fence/wall height of six feet. They did not know how they would handle the situation of someone wanting to construct a fence on top of an existing six foot high retaining wall.

Casper, Wyoming: The Casper Code allows a maximum fence/wall height of six feet without a permit, or eight feet with a permit. Otherwise their Code does not address the issue of placement of a fence on top of a wall.

Sheboygan, Wisconsin: The Sheboygan Code does not allow for construction of an opaque fence on top of a retaining wall if the combined height exceeds six feet. An opaque fence is allowed if it is setback at least five feet from the retaining wall.

Omaha, Nebraska: The Omaha Code allows a maximum fence height of six feet along side lot lines. Otherwise, the Code does not address the issue of placing a fence on top of a wall. Phone calls to the City of Omaha regarding this matter were not returned.

Notes: Nearly all of the Cities contacted allow a maximum fence height of six feet along a side lot line, and four feet in the front yard.

A number of the cities contacted incorporated certain fence setback requirements into their Code irregardless of the issue of placing a fence on top of a retaining wall.

The City of Bozeman, Montana was also contacted but did not return phone calls.