

**Do I need a permit to install/erect a fence?**

No.

**How deep should fence posts be placed below grade?**

Below the frost line (4').

**Is there a maximum height on fences?**

State Law specifies that fences over 6' can be deemed a "spite fence" and ordered removed. State Law requires a 4' fence around "in-ground" swimming pools. City of Augusta Ordinances require a 5' fence around "in-ground" swimming pools, since the Augusta Ordinance is stricter it is the minimum height for fences protecting "in-ground" pools in Augusta.

**What can I use as fencing material?**

Fences protecting pools have stricter requirements than those for separating properties, a chain link fence used around a pool must have no opening greater than 1 1/4" square, (a common chain link fence works well as does a stock-aid type fence.)

Fences separating properties can be any type material including but not limited to:

Chain Link fencing	Board fences	Brick wall/fences	Stock-aid fencing
Split rail fencing	Stone wall/fences	Wooden picket fencing	Wrought Iron fencing

**Where can I place my fence in relation to the property line?**

There is no municipal ordinance which specifies where fences can or must be located, we do however recommend

- a. Place all fence posts or structures **completely** on your own land. There is often a portion of land between the traveled way and your property line, you must be particularly careful that the fence is on your property, if you locate the fence in the right-of-way, you will be asked to remove it.
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- b. Fences require normal maintenance, such as painting etc. this should be done while standing on your land not your neighbors. There is no inherent right permitting trespass on the land of another to maintain your fence.
- c. Any fence located near a driveway on your property or adjacent to another's should be set back sufficiently to permit adequate sight distance from a vehicle attempting to use either driveway and avoid the potential accidents with pedestrians using the sidewalks etc.
- d. A fence can go out to the water; there are no set-backs.