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### ***Abstract***

Cleveland's zoning code requires that fences in side street yards not exceed 4 feet in height, and also requires that they be at least 50% open. These limitations create better line of sight to main causeways and help to reduce crime due to more eyes being on the street.

### ***Resource***

Cleveland, OH Code of Ordinances, Title 7, Chapter 358, § 358.04

Fences in Residential Districts shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the following regulations, as well as other applicable regulations of the Codified Ordinances.

(a) *Height and Opacity.* Fences in actual front yards and in actual side street yards shall not exceed four (4) feet in height and shall be at least fifty percent (50%) open, except that, in an actual side street yard, a fence that is set back at least four (4) feet from the side street property line may be a maximum of six (6) feet in height and may be open or solid. Fences in actual rear yards and in actual interior side yards shall not exceed six (6) feet in height and may be solid or open. No fence shall be higher than its distance from a residence building on an adjoining lot or from the permitted placement of a future residence on such lot, if such fence will be generally parallel to and adjacent to the closest wall of the residence.

Cleveland's full Code of Ordinances can be found here:  
[http://library.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/Ohio/cleveland\\_oh/cityofclevelandohiocodeofordinances?f=templates\\$fn=default.htm\\$3.0\\$vid=amlegal:cleveland\\_oh](http://library.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/Ohio/cleveland_oh/cityofclevelandohiocodeofordinances?f=templates$fn=default.htm$3.0$vid=amlegal:cleveland_oh).