



## **Fences and Walls in Yountville**

### ***Are you interested in installing or replacing a fence or wall on your property?***

Fences, walls, and landscape screening need to conform to a variety of conditions. If you'd like to understand more about what your property's specific allowances and limitations are, please contact a Planner at Town Hall at (707) 944-8851.



### **Height Requirements**

- Fences along a rear or side property line cannot exceed 6 feet except for screen extensions (see below).
- Fences within the front yard setback cannot exceed 3 feet.
- Landscaping planted to form a hedge, known as landscape screening, is also held to these height requirements.
- Fences up to 6 feet in height do not require a building permit, but do require Planning Department clearance. Please note: height is measured from approved finished grade.

### **Screen Extension Exception**

- Screen extensions are allowed on top of a 6 foot tall fence or wall, provided total height does not exceed 8 feet, the screen is a design that is a minimum of 35% open (i.e. lattice), and written consent of the adjoining neighbor is provided.
- Screen extensions are not allowed within the front yard setback.
- An approved building permit is required prior to construction.

### **When is a Building Permit Required?**

- Fences that are over 6 feet tall
- Masonry walls that are over 4 feet tall

### **My property borders a Town park or other public property. Will the Town pay for my fence?**

- The Town can contribute up to 50% of the lowest bid. Three bids are required, and other special rules apply. Please call Town Hall for more information.

For more information on the Town's rules or how to gain approval for your fence project, please contact the Planning & Building Department at (707) 944-8851.