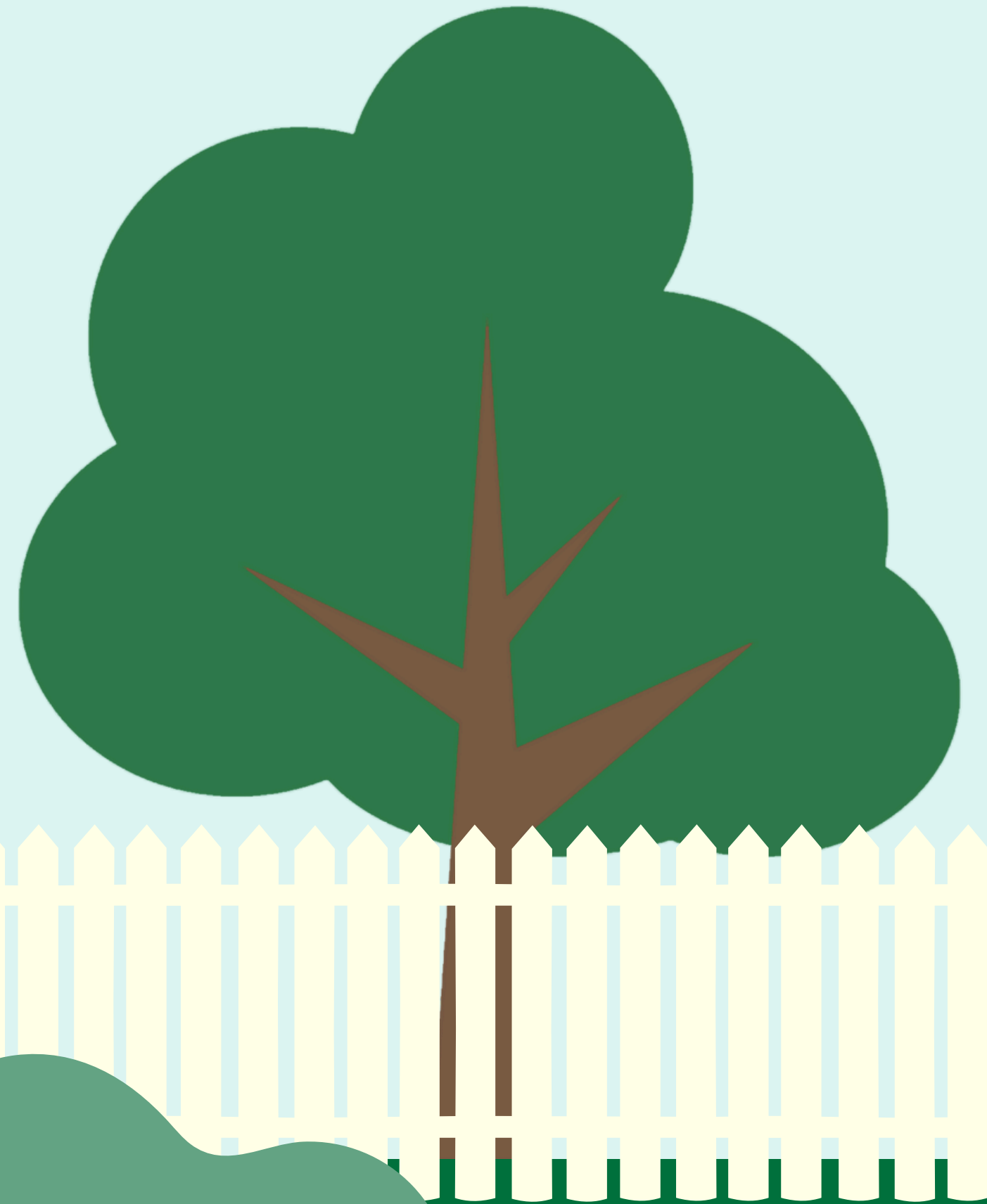


RESIDENTIAL FENCING guidebook



Disclaimer

This guidebook is intended to summarize the fencing requirements for residential uses within the Agriculture and Residential zoning districts found in the [South Jordan Municipal Code](#)

Daybreak and mixed-use zoning districts are not included in this guidebook

Fences within Daybreak are only permitted in accordance to the Daybreak HOA

This guidebook was updated in August 2025, however requirements are subject to change
For the most complete information on current requirements please review the full code

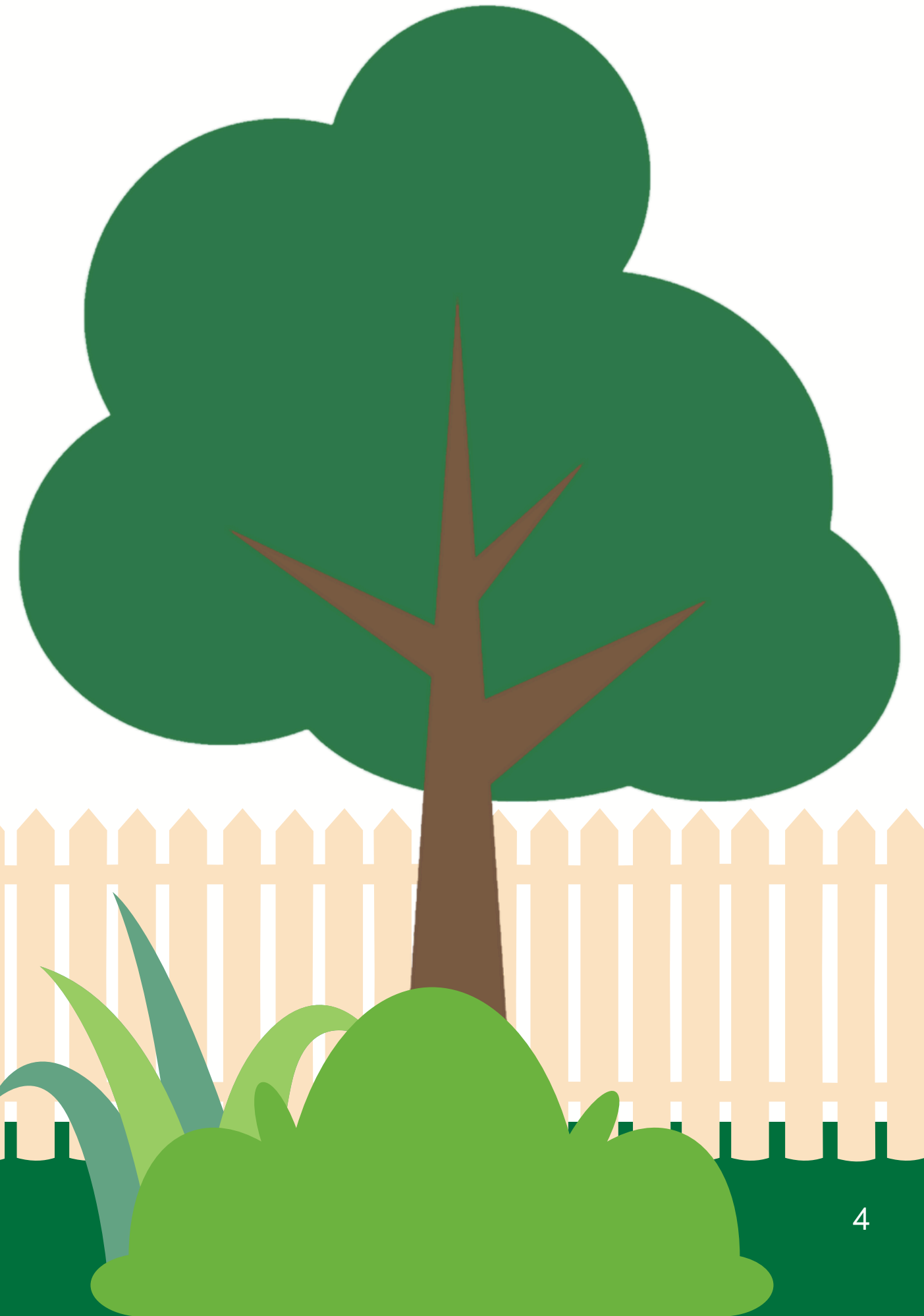
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Permits and Approvals

- **South Jordan does not require fencing permits, however all fences must still comply with all city standards**
- Building permits are required if a fence is 7' tall or more, you can apply via South Jordan's [Online Development Portal](#)
- Fences seeking additional height must be approved by the Planning Commission or City Council (The approval body is determined by the height and location of the fence) Contact the Planning and Economic Development Department at 801.446.4357 for additional information on this process



Determining Your Requirements

Fencing requirements are determined by three factors:

1- The location of the fence on the lot. **Front yard** and **front side yard** fence requirements differ from those on **rear yard** and **side yard** fences.

2- The type of street the fence is located on. Fences that run along a collector or arterial street (within 20') have different requirements than those located elsewhere such as local neighborhood streets or interior lot lines. You can find your street's classification on the [interactive map](#).

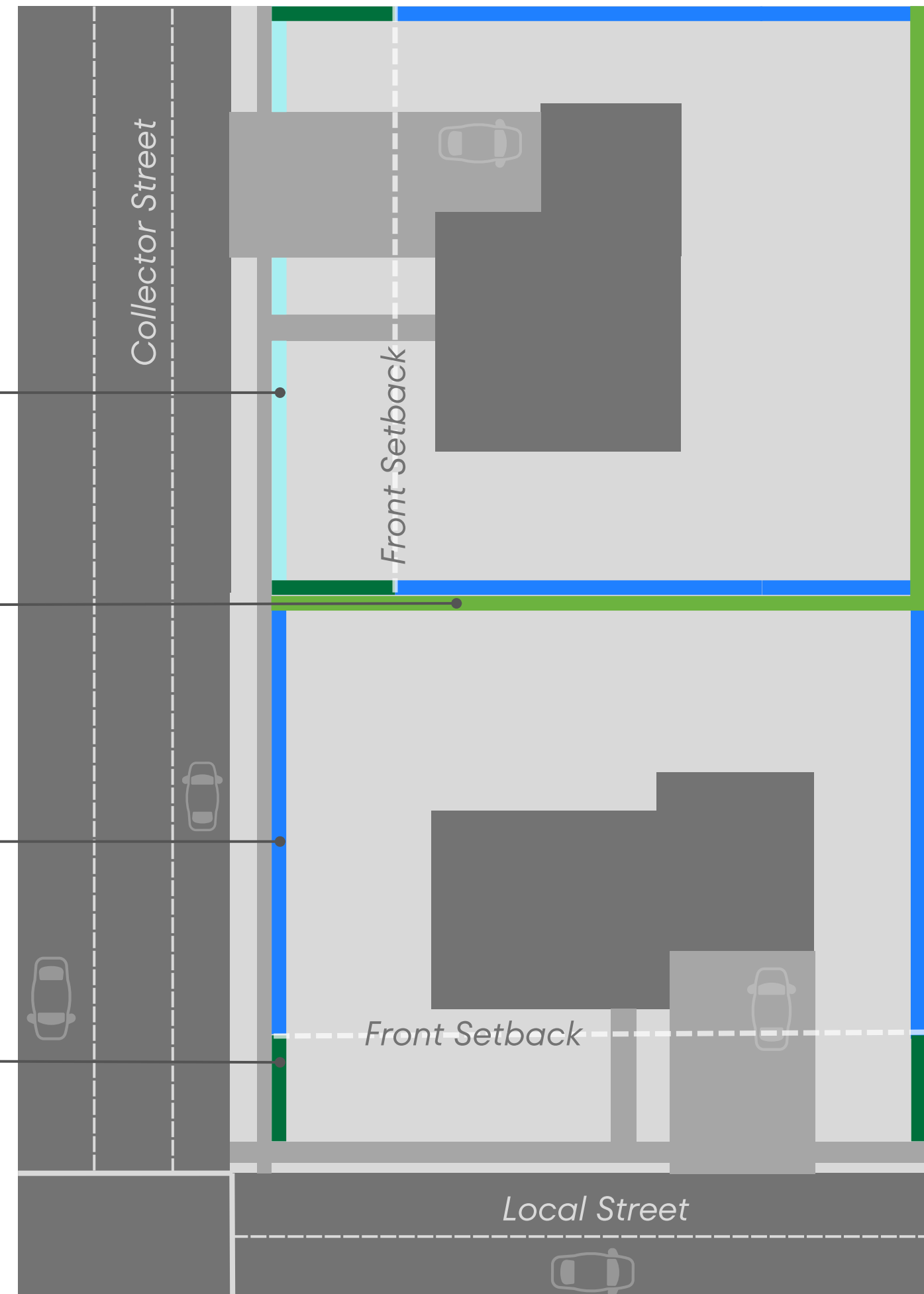
3- The zoning district the property is located in. Some zones allow for different fencing options than other residential zones. Find your lot's zoning on the [interactive map](#) to know which apply to your property.

Front Yard Fence

Rear Yard Fence

Side Yard Fence

Front Yard Side Fence



Front Yard Fence Requirements

Across the Front Yard or Front Yard Side (Within 20' Collector or Arterial)

Height

- Measured from the finished grade of the edge of the right-of-way
- 4' max for non-visually obscuring fences^{1,2}
- 3' max high for obscuring fences^{1,2}
- Posts can extend a max of 4" above the fence panel
- Fences up to 6' may be approved by the Planning Commission if set back at least 10' from sidewalk with an integrated landscaped area
- Fences located above a retaining wall must be located at least 3' from the wall

Must match materials, design and height of existing neighboring fences that meet current standards

Allowed materials:

Materials

- Reinforced vinyl pickets (non-obscuring only)
- Wrought iron or simulated wrought iron
- Masonry block, brick or stone (must be earth tone colors, architecturally textured or patterned, have equal decorative treatment including an anti-graffiti sealant, have approved caps, and have architectural relief at least every 25')
- Decorative precast concrete (must have equal decorative treatment including an anti-graffiti sealant)
- Masonry pillars may be used along with any other approved fencing material (Pillars may be a maximum of 18" wide and 18" deep and be spaced no closer than 10' on center)
- Reinforced post and rail (up to 6' allowed for keeping large animals, only permitted in the Agriculture and R-1.8 zones)
- Chain link only permitted for agricultural uses located in agriculture zones

Front Yard Side Fence (Along Interior Lot Line or on Local Street Corner)

Height

- Measured from the ground to top of fence panel
- 4' max for non-visually obscuring fences¹
- 3' max high for obscuring fences
- Posts can extend a max of 4" above the fence panel
- Fences located above a retaining wall must be located at least 3' from the wall

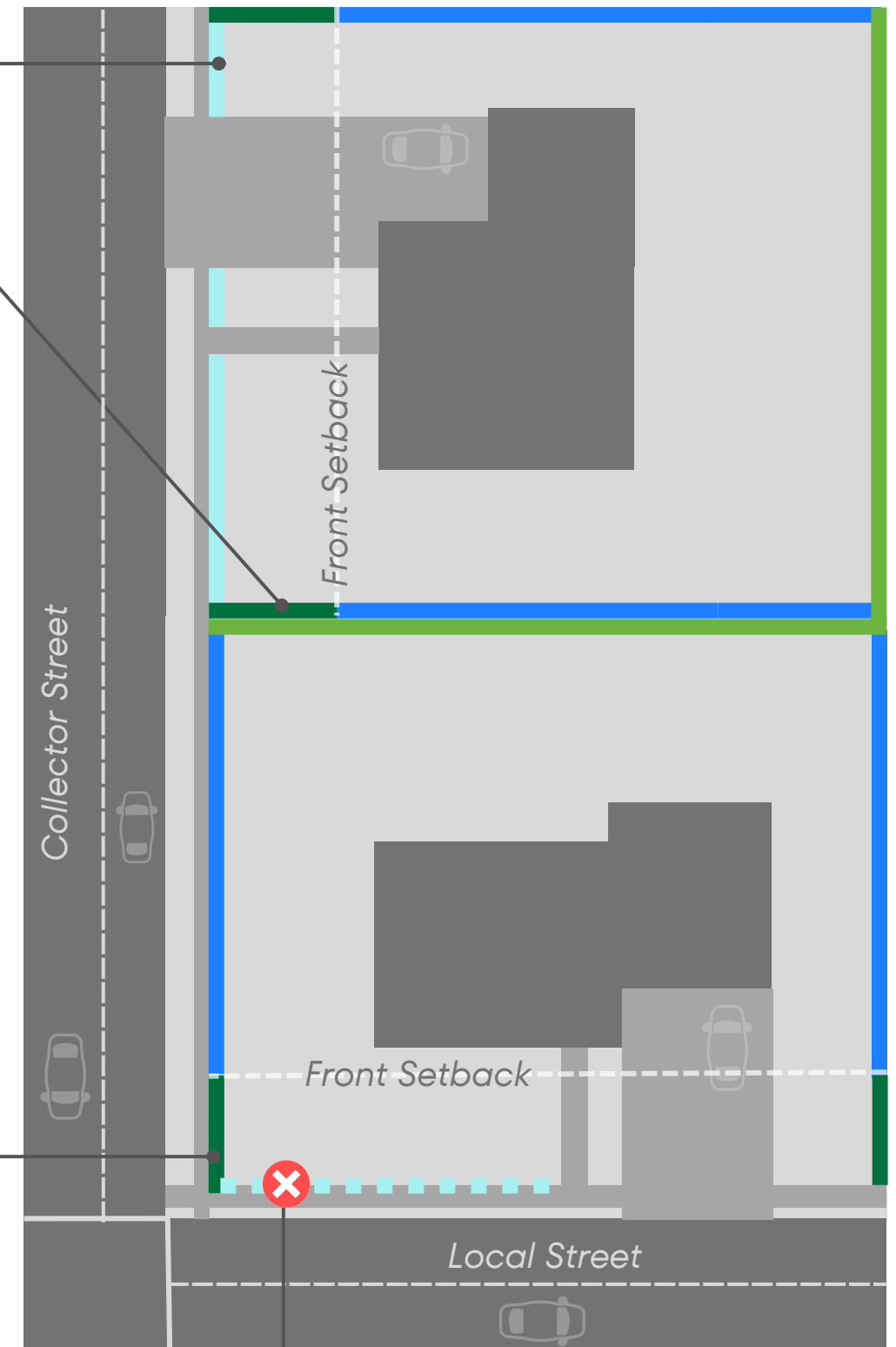
Materials

Allowed Materials:

- Vinyl (Solid or pickets)
- Wrought iron or simulated wrought iron
- Masonry
- Masonry pillars may be along with any other approved fencing material (Pillars may be a maximum of 18" wide and 18" deep and be spaced no closer than 10' on center)
- Hedges

Front Yard Side Fence (Along Collector or Arterial and Within 20')

Same requirements as those across front yard



Fences across front yards are not allowed on local streets

1- In clear vision areas, max fence height is 3' unless approved otherwise by the City Engineer (See page 9)

2- Fences up to 8' in height may be approved by the City Council only with consideration of safety, aesthetics, construction materials, location, topography, and existing and proposed landscape buffers

Rear and Side Yard Fence Requirements

Along Collector or Arterial (within 20')

Height

- Measured from the finished grade of the edge of the right-of-way
- 6' max^{1, 2}
- Posts can extend a max of 6" above the fence panel
- Fences located above a retaining wall must be located at least 3' from the wall

Must match materials, design and height of existing neighboring fences that meet current standards

Required materials:

- All fences must incorporate masonry pillars every 25' or every third panel, whichever is less
- Masonry pillars must be a minimum of 12" wide and 12" deep

Allowed materials:

- Vinyl pickets (non-obscuring only)
- Masonry block, brick or stone (must be earth tone colors, architecturally textured or patterned, have equal decorative treatment including an anti-graffiti sealant, have approved caps, and have architectural relief at least every 25')
- Decorative precast concrete (must have equal decorative treatment including an anti-graffiti sealant)
- Masonry pillars may be used in conjunction with any other approved fencing material. Pillars may be a maximum of 18" wide and 18" deep and be spaced no closer than 10' on center
- Reinforced post and rail (up to 6' allowed for keeping large animals, permitted in the Agriculture and R-1.8 zones)
- Chain link only permitted for agricultural uses located in agriculture zones
- Additional materials allowed if replacing existing (simulated) wrought iron along a collector or arterial street (See page 8)

Materials

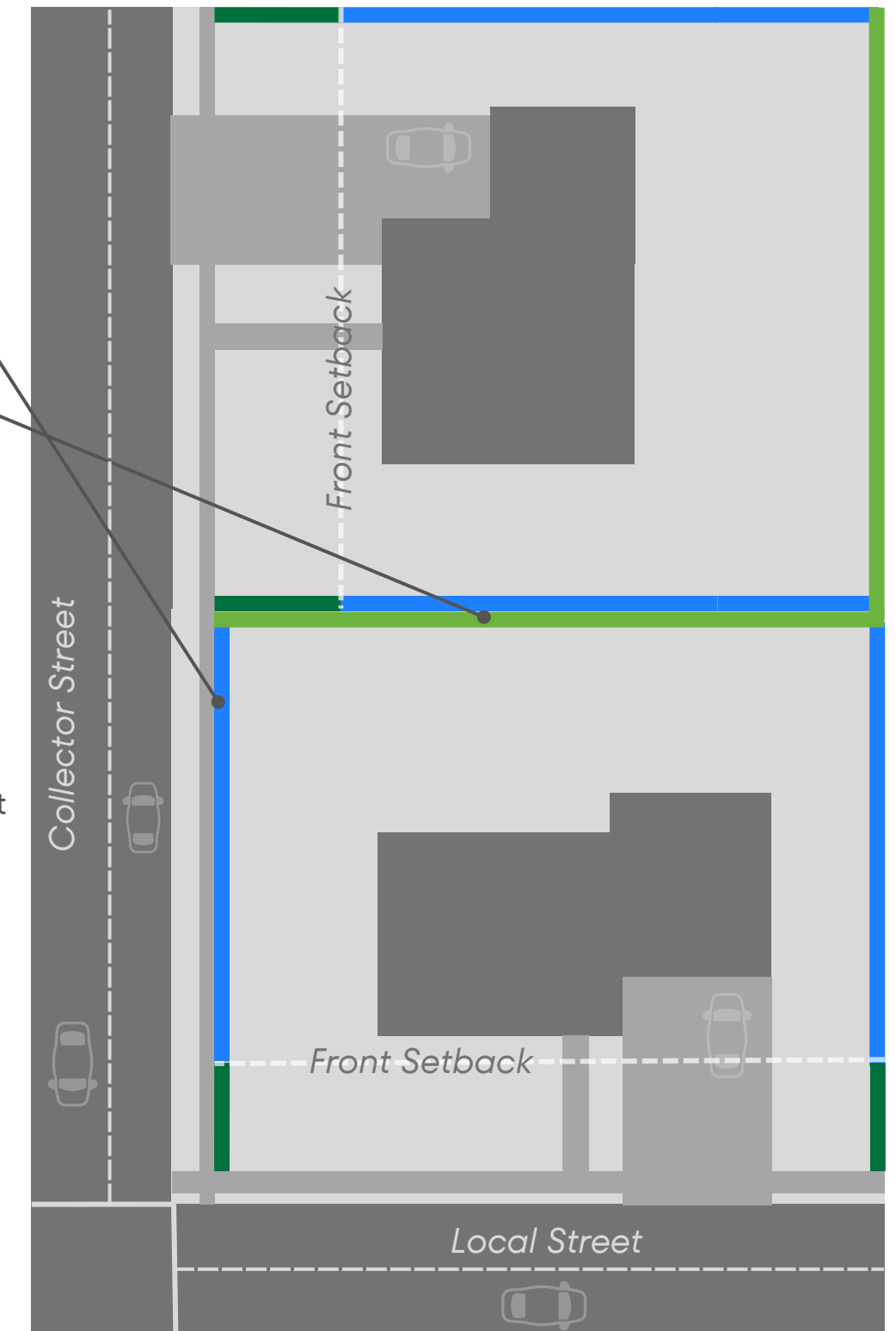
Along Interior Lot Line or on Local Street Corner

Height

- Measured from the ground to top of fence panel
- 6' max¹
- Posts can extend a max of 6" above the fence panel
- Fences located above a retaining wall must be located at least 3' from the wall

Materials

- Materials are not restricted
- Hedges may be used

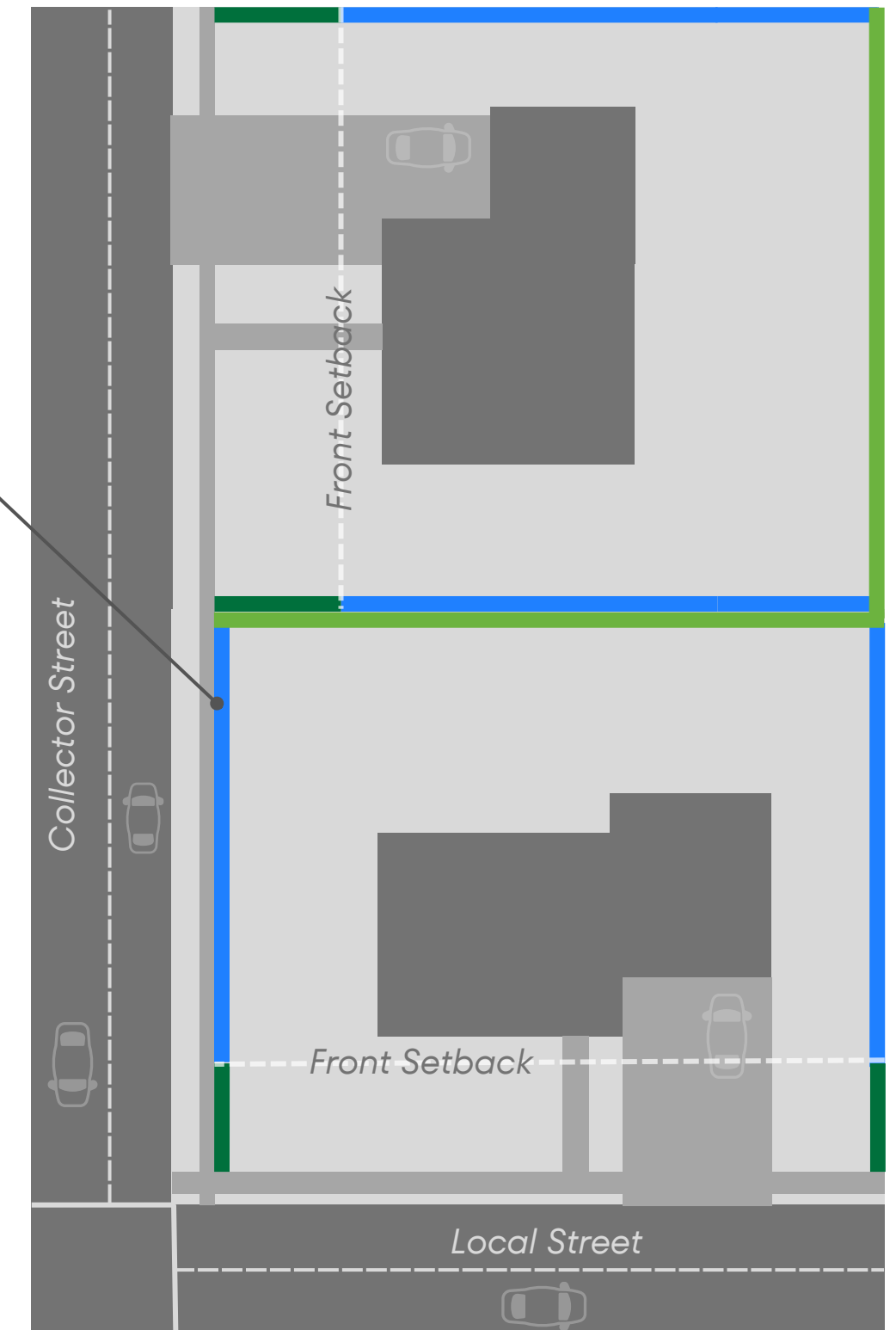


1- In clear vision areas, max fence height is 3' unless City Engineer approves otherwise (See page 9)
 2- Fences up to 8' in height may be approved by the City Council only with consideration of safety, aesthetics, construction materials, location, topography, and existing and proposed landscape buffers

Replacement of Existing Wrought Iron Fences

Existing wrought iron fences located in rear or side yard within 20' of a collector or arterial street

- Additional fencing materials may be allowed if it meets all three of the following:
 - 1- The fence is replacing an existing (simulated) wrought iron installed prior to 2013
 - 2- The fence runs along a collector or arterial street (within 20')
 - 3- The fence is located in the rear or side yard of the property
- Fences meeting this criteria can utilize the following materials (in addition to those on page 7):
 - Obscuring vinyl (white or beige only, minimum 0.15 mil gauge)
 - Obscuring composite materials or similar products
 - Obscuring structural wooden fencing (must be reinforced with a top and bottom rail at minimum)
 - Industrial grade black colored fabric may be installed on the existing wrought iron fence.
- Required materials listed on page 7 are also applicable
- Fence heights are the same as other rear and side yard fences along collector or arterial streets (see Page 7)
- If multiple fences are used, the outer fence must be a privacy fence to obscure the view of other fences from the street
- Must match materials, design and height of existing neighboring fences that meet current standards
- For full requirements see See [§16.04.200 \(C\)\(2\)](#)



Clear Vision Areas

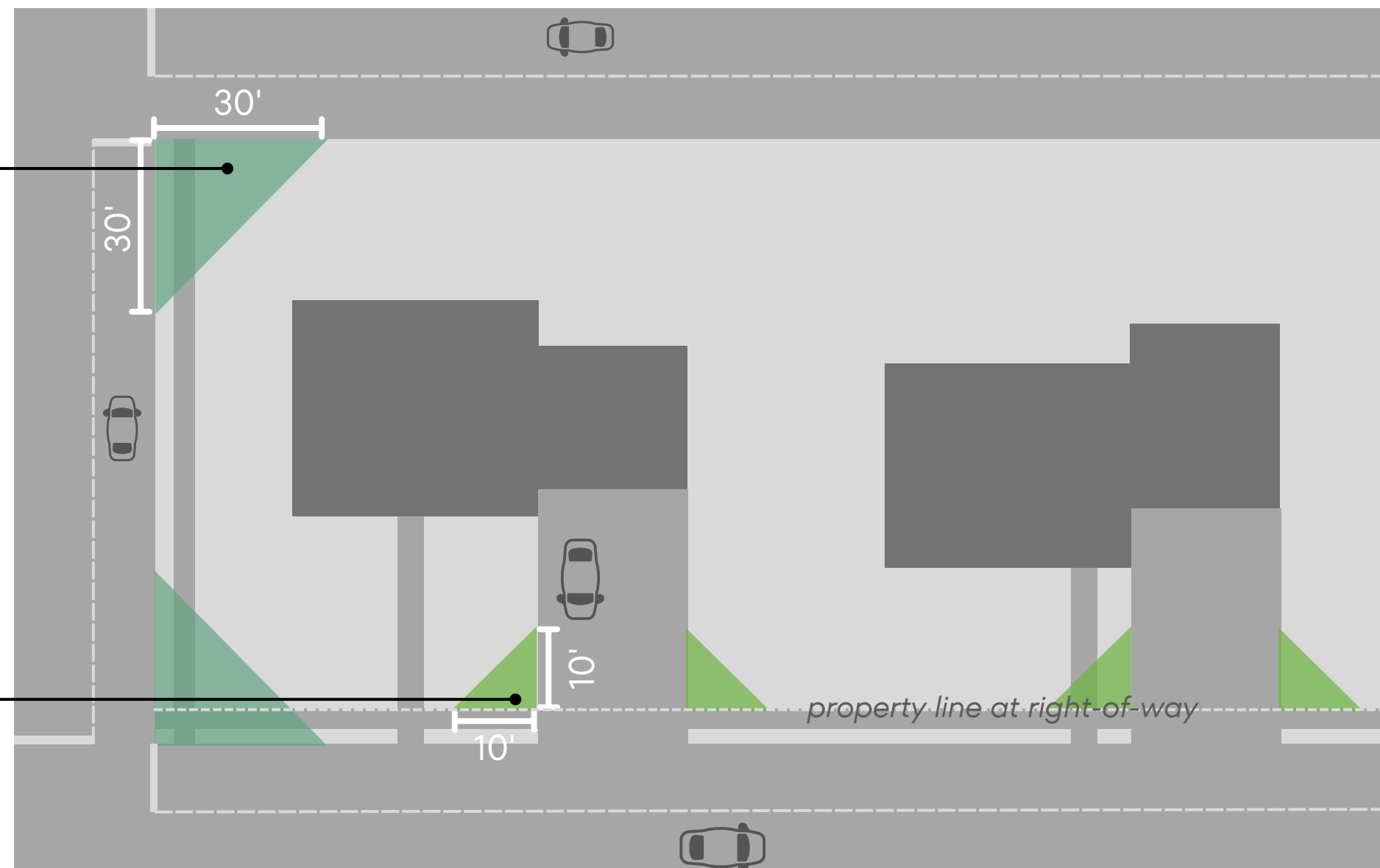
- A clear vision area is a triangular area at a corner or driveway where visibility is important for public safety
- **In clear vision areas, visual obstructions including fences are limited to a maximum of 3' tall**
- The City Engineer may approve a smaller clear vision area, or require a larger clear vision area as needed
- See [§16.04.200\(J.\)](#) for additional information on clear vision areas

Corner Clear Vision Area

Extends 30' along each side of the corner
(measured from the top of the back of curb or at the edge of the pavement where no curb exists)

Driveway Clear Vision Area

Extends 10' from the intersection of the driveway and the right-of-way line
(typically found at the back of sidewalk)



Additional Resources

Related Zoning Code Links

General Fencing Requirements [§16.04.200](#)

Agricultural Zones [§17.30](#)

Residential Zones [§17.40](#)

Definitions [§17.08](#)

Other Links

[South Jordan Zoning Map](#)

[Planning Website](#)

[Online Development Portal](#)

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