

Town of Islip Fence Rule (08-14-2013)

A. No fence or wall, except an existing retaining wall, shall be higher than six feet above the ground at any point unless such fence is an open chain-link-type or one which does not restrict light or visibility through more than 15% of its surface (evenly distributed), but shall not be higher than eight feet anywhere on the property. This provision pertaining to the restriction on height or visibility of fences shall not apply to junkyards or scrap metal processing facilities for which special permits have been granted by the Town Board.

[Amended 1-19-1982; 3-10-2009; 5-21-2013]

B. No fence shall be higher than four feet above the ground at any point when set back less than 15 feet from a street property line. For corner lots, no fence shall be higher than four feet above the ground at any point when set back less than 10 feet from the second front yard property line.

[Amended 1-14-2003; 8-12-2003; 12-12-2006]

C. No fence, wall or obstruction shall be higher than three feet above the adjacent pavement edge when located within any required sight triangle or when set back less than eight feet from any street pavement edge.

D. No gate shall open into any street.

E. The use of fences which deliver an electric shock, charge or current to any animal or human being, when touched, is prohibited. The installation or use of barbed wire lower than six feet to the ground is also prohibited.

F. All walls greater than 18 inches in height from average, undisturbed grade shall be set back from any property line a minimum of four feet or a distance equal to the height of the wall above average grade, whichever is greater. Walls that are 18 inches or higher, at any point above average grade, shall obtain a permit prior to construction. All walls, as defined in § [68-3](#) shall receive a determination of the necessity of site plan review from the Divisions of Building and Engineering prior to construction.

[Added 8-12-2003]

G. All walls 18 inches in height or less from average, undisturbed grade, as defined in § [68-3](#), do not require a setback or permit unless directed by the Town Engineer after a preliminary site assessment. All walls, as defined in § [68-3](#), shall receive a determination of the necessity of site plan review from the Divisions of Building and Engineering prior to construction.

[Added 8-12-2003]

H. Fences of no higher than eight feet shall be permitted to be located on the property line on Fire Island, provided that they do not restrict light or visibility through more than 15% of their surface (evenly distributed) and are not composed of chain link (unless a decorative chain link fence design is presented to the Department of Planning and Development for architectural review).

[Added 5-21-2013]