

Sec. 18-491 Wooden Fence Standards.

- A. All vertical posts on fences over four (4) feet in height shall be galvanized steel with a minimum two (2) three-eighths (3/8ths) inch diameter, a minimum fifteen (15) gauge thickness, and set in a concrete footing.

Picket fences, split rail fences, ranch style or agricultural fences, or other 'types of decorative fences approved by the Building Official or his/her designee shall be permitted to use wood posts.

- B. Concrete footings shall be a minimum of eight (8) inches in diameter.
- C. For fences less than seven (7) feet in height, posts shall be spaced at a maximum of eight (8) feet on center, set in a concrete footing of no less than twenty-four (24') inches deep.
- D. For fences that are seven (7) feet or greater in height, posts shall be spaced at a maximum of six (6) feet on center, set in a concrete footing of no less than thirty-six (36") inches deep.
- E. Fence posts attached to or supported by other structures, including retaining walls, shall be provided with foundation and anchorage to prevent movement of structure or retaining wall.
- F. All materials shall be securely fastened, vertical boards to horizontal stringers, stringers to vertical posts, top rail, to ensure an ongoing attractive appearance and safe condition, free from rot, rust, vandalism and other sources of decay.
- G. The bottom of the fence shall be designed to prevent ground to wood contact. This can be achieved through the use of a concrete strip poured between the fence supports or by raising the pickets to provide a minimum of two inches between the bottom of the pickets and the ground. A kick board may be used to cover the gap between the bottom of the pickets and the ground. This kick board may have ground contact if treated and must be approved for ground contact.
- H. All wood material shall be stained, pressure treated, painted, or adequately sealed to prevent decay.