



GRANT COUNTY  
**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

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## Fence Criteria

**Building permits** are required for fences over 7'-0" in height as per the WA ST Building Code, IBC Section A105.2. Fence height shall include the fence and all attachments, including items such as posts and barbed wire installed at the top of the fence.

***NOTE - The Grant County Planning Department has specific regulations regarding how high a fence can be on each side of a parcel as well as setback requirements. Please be sure to contact the Planning Department for the land use regulations.***

**Multiple fences** may be included on one application when they are located on the same parcel and are to be constructed at the same time.

**The Approved Site Plan** shall indicate complete fence location(s) with setbacks to each property line.

**Plans shall include** a full fence layout on parcel (separate from site plan) showing location of each post hole and/or location lines indicating linear feet of each section, including angles and curves **AND**

- Chain link fences shall provide a cross section detail showing poles, height, spacing, etc.
- Wood post fences shall either:
  - Use the attached Grant County Wood Fence Requirements handout which includes the table: Fence Post Size & Post Hole Depth Guidelines. Requirements for a wood fence include a maximum post spacing of 12'-0" and a maximum height of 10'-0", **or**
  - Provide plans stamped by a WA State licensed Architect or Engineer
- Concrete or concrete block fences shall provide plans stamped by a WA State licensed Architect or Engineer
- Wrought iron or ornamental steel fences shall provide plans stamped by a WA State licensed Architect or Engineer

**Inspections** will generally include the following. If additional inspections or conditions are required based on your proposed plans, they will be noted in your Building Permit.

- Provide a completed Fence Self Certification Form; provide form in office before requesting the Final Inspection or have on site with the permit package at time of Final Inspection.
- Final Inspection.

# Grant County Wood Fence Requirements

Wood fences built in Grant County that are over 7'-0" in height shall meet the following requirements or shall be of an engineered design.

1. All posts shall be pressure treated and have a 0.60 retention rating.
2. Postholes shall be the minimum depth shown in the table below.
3. Posts shall be spaced not greater than 12'-0" on center.
4. Fence rails shall be a minimum of 2x6 Hem-Fir/L #2 & better.
5. All fasteners into pressure treated posts shall be of hot dipped zinc coated galvanized steel, stainless steel, silicon bronze or copper. Exception: 1/2" diameter or greater steel bolts.
6. Wood fences over 10'-0" shall be of an engineered design.
7. The design information in this handout pertains to wood fences only. Refer to the Grant County Fence Criteria handout for all other fences types and designs.
8. Complete and provide the attached Fence Self-Certification Form before or at final inspection to certify the fence has been constructed as per the approved plans, including; the required setbacks, posthole depths and minimum specified materials.

## FENCE POST SIZE and POST HOLE DEPTH GUIDELINES

Entire depth of hole must be filled with compacted earth at a minimum.

Fence Height*	Minimum Post Size	Post Hole Depth	Minimum # of 2x6 Fence Rails
Up to 8'-0"	6"x 6"	36"	4
> 8'-0" to 10'-0"	6"x 6"	39"	5

\*Wood fences over 10'-0" in height shall be of an engineered design. Fence height is measured from finish grade to top of fencing.

# Grant County Building Department

## Fence Self Certification Form

Please complete this form in its entirety and return it to the Grant County Building Department before scheduling your Final Inspection, or leave it on site with your permit packet for pick up when you schedule your Final Inspection.

Building Permit #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel #: \_\_\_\_\_

Site Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

***I certify that the fence constructed for the above referenced permit has been constructed according to the approved plans and issued permit criteria including construction details, required setbacks and any/all other requirement noted therein.***

Signed by:  Applicant  Property Owner  Agent  Other – Describe

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Printed Name

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number