

WHEN IS A FENCE PERMIT REQUIRED?

- All fences require a permit **unless they meet the wildlife friendly fencing standards below** or are less than 6' in height and are located on parcels assessed as "agricultural" by the Assessor's Office. To determine how the property is assessed find the "property type" on the Assessor's Property Report by following this link- <https://qpublic.schneidercorp.com/Application.aspx?AppID=1071&LayerID=26013&PageTypeID=2&PageID=10531>

WHAT TO INCLUDE IN THE PERMIT:

Required:

- ✓ Site plan showing property lines, setback lines, easement lines, structures, existing fences and proposed fence
- ✓ Photo or elevation of the proposed fence with dimensions

Required if applicable:

- ✓ Grading plan showing existing and proposed topography if fence is located in a setback
- ✓ Board of Adjustment variance
- ✓ Recorded Activity Envelope and/or Site Plan
- ✓ Letter of exemption from land use review
- ✓ Letter of approval from Colorado Parks and Wildlife
- ✓ Revegetation plan

WILDLIFE FRIENDLY FENCING

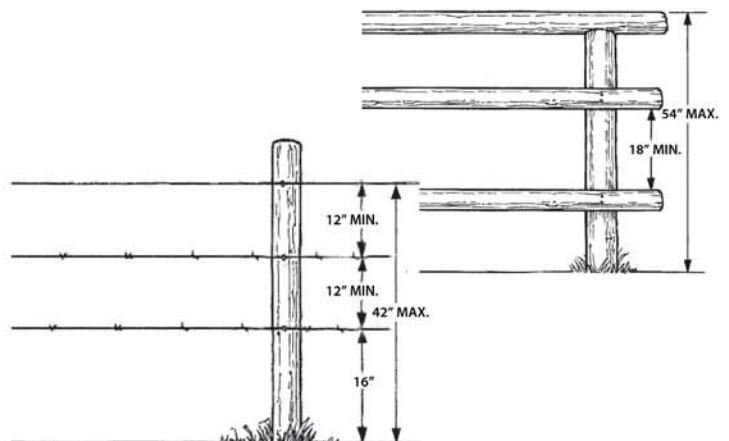
- Wood rail fencing shall employ three (3) rails or less, be the round or split rail type, shall not exceed fifty-four (54) inches in height above ground level, and twelve (12) inches in width (top view), and shall have at least eighteen (18) inches between the lower two (2) rails.
- Wire fencing must be three (3) strands or less. The top wire should be a twelve-point-five (12.5) gauge twisted barbless type at a maximum height of forty-two (42) inches. The middle strands (which may be barbed) should be located a minimum twelve (12) inches apart and from the top wire preventing entanglement when mule deer jump over. The bottom strand should be sixteen (16) inches from the ground.
- * If non wildlife compliant fencing is necessary limit the area of enclosure

FENCES IN SETBACKS

- Fences and gates in setbacks shall be less than six (6) feet in height.
- Fences erected or maintained within twenty (20) feet of any street corner shall not exceed forty-two (42) inches in height as measured from street grade.
- If the proposed fence is on top of a berm or otherwise altered grade the height of the fence is measured from the most restrictive grade.

DESIGN STANDARDS

- To mitigate wildfire hazards wood fences should be kept clear of brush and debris and should not connect to other structures.
- To allow adequate access for firetrucks ranch gates shall be a minimum of 14' clear vertically and 16' wide. Ranch gates shall not exceed 20' in height the maximum allowable height of an accessory structure pursuant to Land Use Code section 5-20-60.
- Ranch gates shall not break a ridgeline when viewed from a designated scenic corridor. Refer to LUC section 7-20-120(b) for the list of roads
- Fences should be located to provide room for snow storage from road plowing
- Wooden fences are not an acceptable place for address signage. Signage should be installed on a noncombustible post.



HELPFUL RESOURCES:

Fence Permit Application: www.pitkincounty.com/pats

Colorado Parks and Wildlife Fencing Guidelines: <https://cpw.state.co.us/Documents/Land-Water/PrivateLandPrograms/FencingWithWildlifeInMind.pdf>

Pitkin County Land Use Code: <http://pitkincounty.com/468/County-Code>

