

## WHEN IS A FENCE PERMIT REQUIRED?

- All fences require a permit **unless they meet the wildlife friendly fencing standards below** or are less than six (6) feet in height and are located on parcels assessed as agricultural by the Assessor's Office. To determine if your property is assessed as agricultural generate a property report on the Assessor's website and see if the property type is listed as AG.

## 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.

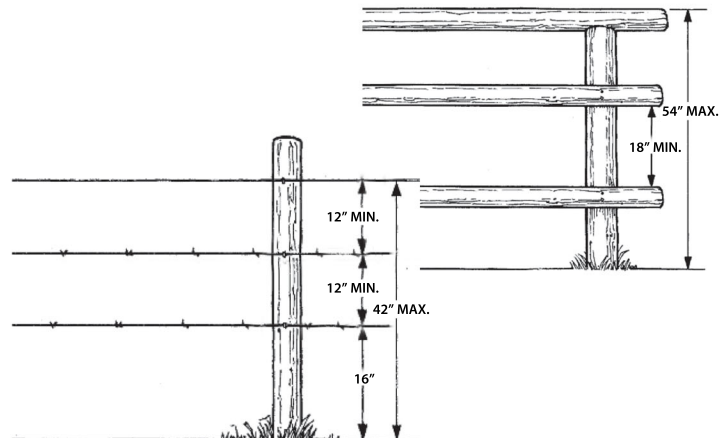
\* If non wildlife compliant fencing is necessary limit the area of enclosure

## 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](http://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>

  
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