Why do we regulate fences in city limits?
The City of Coeur d'Alene regulates the construction of fences to preserve the appearance of the City and to avoid traffic and safety hazards.

It is important to check the code requirements before building a fence to avoid having to alter or remove the structure in which you have already invested time and money.

The City of Coeur d'Alene does not review or enforce CC&R’s. It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure compliance with HOA requirements.

F.A.Q. About Residential Fences:

Do I need a Building Permit?
No, the City of Coeur d’Alene does not currently require a building permit for a fence as long as it is no taller than six feet high.

How tall can my fence be?
In general, residential fences can be no taller than six feet high in the rear and side yards and four feet high in the front yard.

If the fence is located at the corner of two streets, it must meet vision triangle standards.

Can I have barbed or electrified fencing?
Yes. However, the use of barbed or electrified wire for fencing or gates along any street, alley, highway or road is prohibited, except where the use of these materials will not constitute a hazard to public safety, and is approved by the city council.

Please click the link below to application.
Electric and/or barbed wire fence

What is a vision triangle and is it applicable to me?
Applicable to corner lots; the vision triangle is defined by measuring from the intersection of the edges of two (2) adjacent roadways forty feet (40’) along each roadway and connecting the two (2) points with a straight line.

Please see an additional lot illustration and city code web link on the back of this page.
4 foot fence allowed

6 foot fence allowed

3 foot fence allowed within Vision Triangle

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