

Elk Ridge

Height: The maximum height for fencing, walls, hedges, and similarly enclosing planting, whether or not sight obscuring, shall be eight feet (8') above finished grade level. Fences may be permitted in excess of eight feet (8') in accordance with section 2-2-7 of this Code. A building permit is required for any fence over seven (7) feet in height, as required by Utah State Code, or as required by the currently adopted Building Code. Fences in excess of eight (8') feet may require Engineer approval. No fence, wall, hedge or similarly enclosing planting or structure shall be permitted in the front setback and/or clear view area of a lot at a height greater than thirty-six inches (36") above the finished grade level.

Retaining Walls: Retaining walls greater than ten feet (10') in height shall be terraced. Such terracing shall be designed and constructed so that each vertical segment of terracing is the same height with each segment being no greater than ten feet (10') in height. Terracing shall not be required when in the case of retaining walls constructed for the purpose of providing support for external basement stairways. The height of retaining walls shall be determined as measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall. Fencing atop retaining walls shall not exceed eight feet (8') above the finished grade of earth being retained. For any retaining wall above thirty inches (30"), a fence or guardrail must be installed, as per International Building Code (IBC) or its successor. Retaining walls over four feet (4') in height as measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall, or having an exposed face height greater than thirty inches (30"), or supporting a surcharge shall require a building permit and shall be properly engineered with the plans stamped by a certified engineer.

State of Utah

19.95.100 Retaining Walls (<https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/569619.pdf>)

1. Retaining walls include any wall or other similar system, including stacked rocks/boulders, intended to resist the lateral displacement of earth or other materials. A building permit will be required for all retaining wall with a height greater than four (4) feet, measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall.

Provo

Retaining Walls:

Retaining walls less than four feet in height, including the 30" footing depth, do not require a building permit but must meet zoning setback requirements.

Google

In front yards, retaining walls shall be no more than four (4) feet in height and shall include terraces of at least four (4) feet in width. No fences shall be installed on the top of front yard retaining walls. Jan 28, 2020

Most governments will require a building permit and design from a licensed engineer if a wall is taller than 4 feet (measured from the bottom of the first block to the top of the final block).

Herriman

If you are planning to add (or are required to add) a rock/masonry wall taller than 4' to your property (whether built with rock, brick, block, masonry, concrete, railroad ties, etc.), or a wall less than 4' tall that is holding a surcharge, a permit is required. Be aware that rock walls cannot be built in the front utility easement

Bountiful

Retaining Walls (a) No retaining wall which is four feet tall or taller shall be constructed without a permit issued by the City. (1) This requirement includes all conventional cantilever concrete retaining walls as well as nonconventional wall systems such as reinforced earth structures, rock retained slopes, etc. Retaining walls which are less than 4'-0" in height are generally considered landscaping elements.

WASHINGTON

A BUILDING PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING: Block, rock or concrete retaining walls 4' and higher (measured from bottom of footing).

Highland

RESTRICTIONS: Please note the following restrictions: 1. A retaining wall within the front setback shall be a minimum of ten (10) feet from the front property line and shall not exceed four (4) feet in exposed height.

NORTH OGDEN

Any wall or wall system over 4 feet in height will need to be engineered and stamped by an engineer licensed in the state. The maximum retaining wall height shall be 8 feet. Tiered walls must be separated horizontally by a distance that exceeds the largest adjacent wall height.

VINEYARD

Retaining Walls. a. Retaining walls include any wall or other similar system, including stacked rocks/boulders, intended to resist the lateral displacement of earth or other materials. b. A building permit will be required for retaining walls with a height greater than four (4) feet, measured from the bottom of the footing to the highest point of the retaining wall.

Santaquin

Retaining Walls: All retaining walls of four feet (4') in height or greater, from finished grade, are to be approved by the city and shall be designed, drawn, and the plans stamped by an engineer licensed to work in the state of Utah.

Springville

Fences greater than six-feet in height and retaining walls greater than four-feet (including the footings) in height must meet applicable requirements of the building code and a building permit must also be secured.

Orem

Retaining walls smaller than 4' high as measured from the bottom of the footing do not require permits

Mapleton

A building permit is not required under limited circumstances including, but not limited to the following: Retaining walls that are not over four (4) feet in height (measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall);

Park City

15-4-2 Fences And Retaining Walls

Fences and retaining walls shall not exceed six feet (6') in height measured from Final Grade within any required Rear Setback or Side Setback. Within any required Front Setback or Street Side Setback, Fences and retaining walls shall not exceed four feet (4') in height, measured from Final Grade.

Where a Fence or retaining wall occurs along a Property Line separating two (2) Lots and there is a difference in the Grade of the Properties, the Fence or retaining wall may be erected or allowed to the maximum height permitted on either side of the Property Line.

EXCEPTION. The height of retaining walls in the Front Setback may exceed four feet (4'), measured from Final Grade, subject to approval by the Planning Director and City Engineer, and may exceed six feet (6') in height subject to approval of an Administrative Conditional Use permit or as approved as part of a Master Planned Development (MPD) or Conditional Use permit. Prior to issuance of an Administrative Conditional Use permit the Property shall be posted and affected adjacent Property Owners shall be noticed ten (10) days prior to Final Action.

The height of retaining walls in the Side or Rear Setback may exceed six feet (6'), measured from Final Grade, subject to approval of an Administrative Conditional Use permit or as approved as part of a Master Planned Development or Conditional Use permit. Prior to issuance of an Administrative Conditional Use permit the Property shall be posted and affected adjacent Property Owners shall be noticed ten (10) days prior to Final Action.

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Did you know that if your rock or block retaining wall is more than 4 foot tall it needs to be engineered? That is why a lot of home owners opt to have multiple tier's instead! It takes up more space, but it reduces costs and leaves useable space for landscaping making it look more natural 🌱🌿

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Draper

The following do not require a building permit:

Retaining walls less than four feet (4') in exposed height with less than ten horizontal to one vertical (10H:1V) (horizontal:vertical) front and back slopes within ten feet (10') of the wall;

Retaining walls less than fifty (50) square feet in size.

For the purposes of this subsection, the height of a retaining wall is measured as the exposed height (H) of wall. If a retaining wall has a varying height along its length, the height is the largest value of the measured height along the length of the wall.