

Fences and Retaining Walls

Type: Development

Subtype: Other

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This applies to Residential or Commercial projects. Please see [Permit Exemptions](#)

[2021 Code](#) for permitting requirements. The materials listed below must be submitted at the time of your application. Please ensure your files conform to City of Tukwila's electronic [Document Standards](#) prior to upload. Files that do not meet these requirements will result in the application being deemed incomplete. Please see linked documents for a more detailed description.

NOTE: All files must be PDF

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Applicable Regulations:

- [TMC Title 16 Buildings and Construction](#)
- [TMC Title 18 Zoning](#)
- [Public Works Infrastructure Design and Construction Standards](#)

Resources:

- [Construction Portal & Fees](#)
- [Retaining Wall](#)
- [Site Plan](#)
- [Cover Sheet](#)
- [Structural Plans](#)
- [Document Standards](#)
- [Contractor and Business License](#)

Required Documents	Attachment File Name
Washington State Department of Labor and Industries valid Contractors License or *Owner Affidavit (*for construction completed by a homeowner). The Owner Affidavit will only be allowed if the structure will be occupied by the owner and the residence or property will not be developed for the purpose of selling, renting or leasing.	Contractor License (or) Owner Affidavit
Current City of Tukwila Business License (not required if using the Owner Affidavit)	Business License
Plans – Ensure current IBC/IRC codes are clearly stated.	Attachment File Name
Cover Sheet Please see link for a more detailed description. Structural Plans - Prepared by a registered design professional Required for: Fences over 8' in height Retaining walls over 24" measured from below grade base to top of wall supporting a surcharge. See Retaining Wall for more details. Retaining walls over 48" measured from the below grade base to top of wall not supporting a surcharge. See Retaining Wall for more details.	Structural Documents
Site Plan - Please see linked document for a more detailed description	Site Plan
Additional Information	
Provide construction details of the proposed fence to include footing and type of materials.	
Additional documents may be required	
Additional engineering design and construction standards may apply to your project. Contact the PW Engineers at Engineering@TukwilaWA.gov .	
Additional permits may be required	
There may be zoning, and environmental considerations surround the project as well, please contact Planning@TukwilaWA.gov with any questions.	