Permit application and submittal guidelines
Wall or Fence Permit

Provide the following documentation and/or information.

1. A completed Building Permit Application.
2. 2 copies of a recent survey showing property boundaries, location & setbacks of the proposed fence or wall.
3. A Notice of Commencement if costs exceed $2500.00.
4. For contractors, provide copy of Business License, Surety Bond and Workman’s Compensation Insurance or exception letter.
5. An Owner/Builder Statement is required if permit is requested by property owner.
6. A detailed description of the type, location and height of all fences or walls on the property.
7. 3 copies of engineered construction drawings and construction details for masonry walls.

Basic wall and fence location, setback, height and material guidelines*

Limitations by location: (Heights are measured from the existing natural grade of the adjacent neighbor’s lot)

Front yards and side yards with street frontages: (chain link and wire fencing prohibited)
Masonry walls shall be finished the same on both sides (unless a written agreement signed by both property owners is submitted) painted wood or decorative open pickets not to exceed a height of 3’ above the natural grade.
Columns may be 4’ high if spaced 10’ apart. Coach lights on driveway entry columns may be 1’ higher than columns.
No wall or fence shall impair or obstruct traffic visibility at points of egress to a public right of way.
Painted fences shall be the same color on both sides, unless abutting neighbor(s) & City approves a different color.

Additional heights and setbacks for front and street side yard areas
Decorative open fencing such as wrought iron, aluminum or similar types up to 4’ high are only permitted on a case by case basis and additional landscaping is required along the front of the fencing. A set back from front lot line is determined for the specific property and the fence must not obstruct traffic visibility.
Wood, PVC and similar type open picket fences are limited to 3.5’ in height each.

Additional heights and setbacks for street side yard areas:
A fence set back 10’ from the property line can be 5’ in height above natural grade.
A fence set back 20’ from the property line may be 6’ high. For lots less than 65’ in width a fence set back at 15’ from the street maybe 6’ high. Columns can be 8’ high if spaced 20 feet apart.

Corner lots: In a street side yard area of a corner lot, the height can be increased to 5’ when the fence or wall is set back 10’ from the street side property line.

Interior side or rear yard: Any approved material including chain link to 6’ high maximum, columns to 8’ high if spaced 20’ apart. Lots with a sloping grade: A fence height may start at a height of 6’ stay level until a maximum height of 8’ then step back down to 6’.

Pool barrier fence or wall: Meets compliance to FBC Residential, Chapter 41. Minimum 4’ high, out swing self-closing, self latching gate with latch 54” above grade, all fence openings must prohibit passage of a 4’ sphere.

*Consult the General Provisions for Residential Zoning Districts Sec. 58-71-7 (n) of Winter Park Land Development Code for complete requirements for walls and fences.