

PLANNING GUIDELINES –FENCES

Kentish Interim Planning Scheme 2013

The following information applies to properties within the General Residential zone. There are other factors which might affect whether a planning application for a permit is required, such as heritage controls, Specific Area Plans and location of the land relative to waterways.

The Kentish Interim Planning Scheme 2013 can be found at:

<https://iplan.tas.gov.au/pages/plan/book.aspx?exhibit=kenips>

To confirm the zoning of your property and any overlays or codes which apply, enter your property address at the following link;

<https://iplan.tas.gov.au/Pages/XC.Enquire.PA/PA.Property.aspx?key=jQKNfeUiWcWMSVTYoLQW> or via <https://maps.thelist.tas.gov.au/listmap/app/list/map>, adding the planning scheme layer.

Front fences

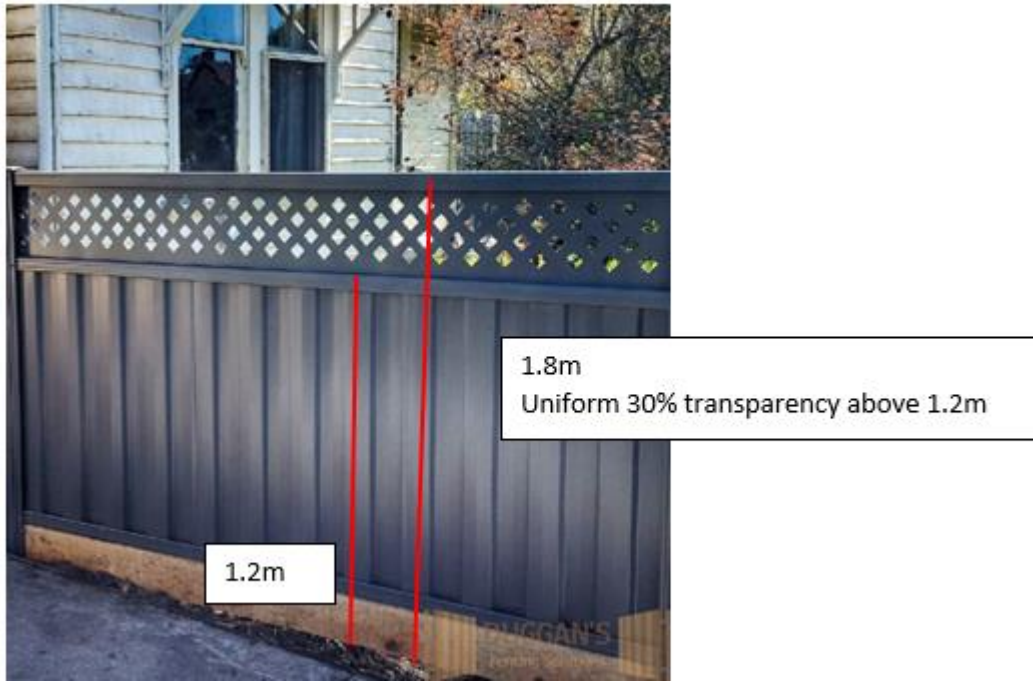
In the General Residential zone, you do not need a permit for the construction of a front fence that is either;

- No more than 1.2m above ground level if the fence is solid; or
- No more than 1.8m if the fence has openings above a height of 1.2m which provides a uniform transparency of not less than 30% (excluding any posts or uprights)

Examples of front fences which do not require a permit:



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What does 'uniform transparency' mean?

If a fence is 'transparent' it has been designed so that it can be looked through. If a fence has 'uniform transparency' it means the level of visibility through the fence is the same for the whole length of the fence.

Fences at or near the frontage of a property which are not transparent may present a safety hazard for motorists and pedestrians as they may block lines of sight.

Side and rear fences

Side and rear fences can have a maximum height of 2.1 metres. There is no requirement for a transparent section.

The height must be reduced within 4.5 metres of the front boundary to comply with the requirements for front fences (see above).

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Reduction in height within
4.5m of front fence

Corner fences

Fences located on corner lots may need to take into consideration safety matters such as visibility for vehicles at an intersection. Before constructing a front fence on a corner lot, please contact Council's planning officers for advice.

What if I want to construct a fence outside the “no permit required” parameters?

If you wish to build a fence outside the parameters outlined above, you must submit a planning application to Council for assessment. The application would have to demonstrate that the fence height and transparency is consistent with others in the street.

The application will be advertised by Council. Council will assess the application on its merits and may approve or refuse the application. A Planning Application form can be found on Council's website; https://www.kentish.tas.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/153163/PLANNING-APPLICATION-FORM-2017.pdf

Who is required to pay for the fence?

Responsibility for erection of fencing is governed by the *Boundary Fences Act, 1908*. Council does not have a role in the administration of the Act. Further information regarding your rights and responsibilities in relation to fencing can be found at <https://www.legalaid.tas.gov.au/factsheets/boundary-fences-fact-sheet/>

Do you require further information?

- Phone our planning team on (03) 64 910200
- Email your query to council@kentish.tas.gov.au
- Visit us at the Council office, 69 High Street, Sheffield between 8.00am and 4.30pm