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**Building Inspection Policy**  
**& Procedure**  
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**WOOD FENCES UP TO 8 FEET TALL**

**Background:**

The requirements for the construction of wood fences over seven feet tall are not specifically addressed by the current State of Oregon codes. In order to provide consistent, predicable and prescriptive requirements, the building official has elected to make a formal policy.

**Discussion**

Fences 8 feet or less in height tend to be fairly simple structures supported by posts embedded in the ground within concrete footings. This policy is being developed to address the structural requirements of the fence. As with any project, the applicant will need to check with the local public works department and planning or zoning department to determine what additional requirements will need to be met.

**Policy:**

The following prescriptive method is acceptable for fences 8 feet or less in height:

1. Posts are spaced a maximum of 6 feet on center.
2. Posts are a minimum 4" x 6" pressure treated for ground contact.
3. Posts are set in concrete 18 inches in diameter and 36 inches deep.