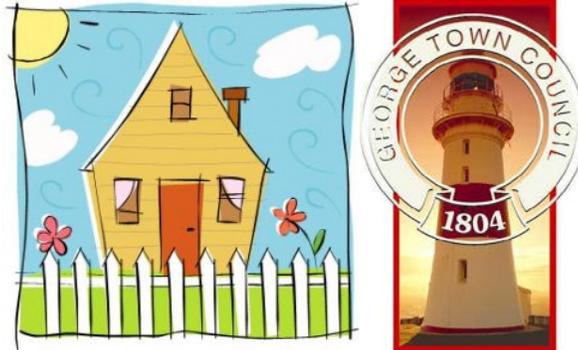


# BOUNDARY FENCE GUIDE



Prior to erecting a front, rear or side boundary fence, please contact the George Town Council Planning Department to determine if a planning application would be required.

The *George Town Interim Planning Scheme 2013* sets out the exemptions for boundary fences. If a property owner can meet these exemptions, there is no need to obtain a planning permit. If however, the owner cannot meet the criteria, they should contact Council to discuss their proposed fence development.

A fence will generally be exempt from requiring planning approval within the residential, rural, or commercial zones if:

- The fence is a side or rear boundary fence, and does not exceed a height of 2.1m. The fence must not adjoin a road or public reserve.
- The fence is a front fence and does not exceed 1.2m
- Within the **General Residential Zone**, property owners may construct a 1.8m high front fence, provided that the portion of fence above 1.2m has 30% transparency to provide for mutual passive surveillance. Please contact Council to check if your property is located within the **General Residential Zone**.

If fences are constructed of concrete, brick or block, a building permit may be required for the development.

The *Boundary Fences Act 1908* and *Boundary Fences Regulations 1998* define the law in Tasmania relating to constructing and repairing fences that divide adjoining land. The Act details the obligations of adjoining land owners with regard to the building or repair of boundary fencing.

Council does not provide advice on where the property boundaries are. Refer to the Certificate of Title Folio plan, or if in doubt a land surveyor will measure out where the boundaries are.

If you would like advice on fencing disputes with your neighbors, please refer to the Act available at [www.thelaw.tas.gov.au](http://www.thelaw.tas.gov.au) or contact the Legal Advice Service on 1300 366 611 to obtain free legal advice. Council will not try and interpret the Act or help in these kinds of disputes.

Council always recommends that you make contact prior to erecting a front, rear, or side fence. Council offices can be contacted on **6382 8800**, or an email sent to [council@georgetown.tas.gov.au](mailto:council@georgetown.tas.gov.au), addressed to the attention of the Planning Department.