GUIDELINES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF MASONRY OR CONCRETE FENCE WALLS WHICH DO NOT REQUIRE A BUILDING PERMIT
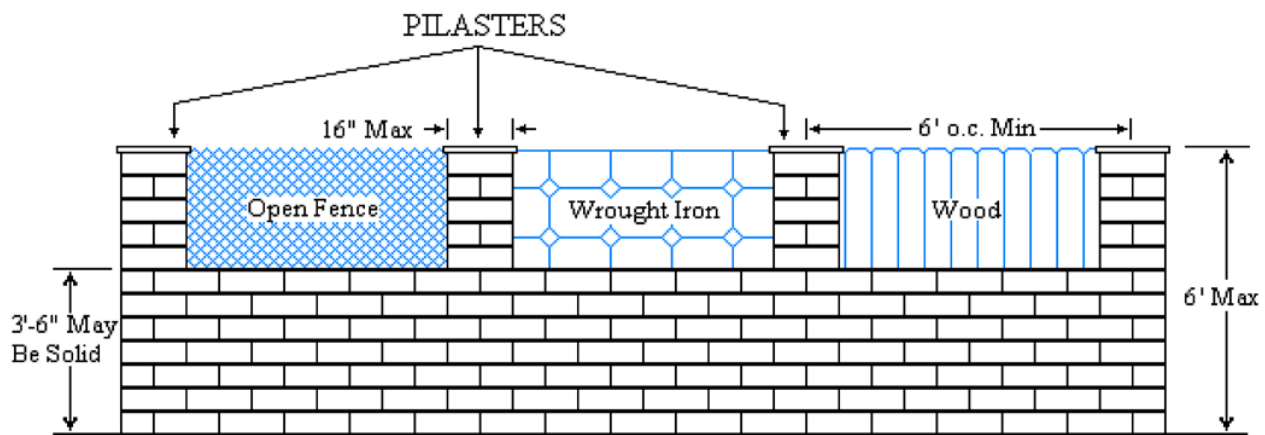
Section 106.2 of the 2020 Los Angeles Building Code and Los Angeles Residential Codes (LABC, LARC) require a building permit for masonry or concrete fences over 3 ½ feet high, and other fences over 10 feet high.

This information bulletin establishes guidelines for fences with height of 6 feet or less, partially constructed with masonry/concrete, which do not require a building permit.

A building permit is NOT required for a fence wall that is partially constructed with concrete or masonry under the following conditions:
1. No portion of the wall exceeds a height of 6'-0".
2. Masonry/concrete pilasters, with a maximum height of 6'-0" and a maximum width of 1'-4", shall be spaced a minimum of 6'-0" on center.
3. The portion of the wall between pilasters may be constructed of masonry/concrete with a maximum height of 3'-6".
4. The remaining portion of the wall shall be constructed with open, wrought iron grillwork, wood, or some other lightweight, non-masonry/concrete material.

The following fence wall detail clarifies the requirements.

Zoning Height Limitations

All fences constructed on a lot, regardless of whether a permit is required, shall comply with all applicable Zoning Code regulations, including Specific Plans and other overlays. See Information Bulletin P/ ZC 2023-002 for "Height of Fences in Residential Zones" for additional information.