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CONCRETE & MASONRY FENCES

The California Building and Residential Codes require a permit for any Masonry Block, Pre-Cast Concrete or Poured in Place concrete walls acting as property or yard fences over 4 feet in height as outlined below:

1. For fences not acting as retaining walls, the height shall be measured from ground level to top of wall.
2. For retaining wall fences, the height shall be measured from the bottom of the footing to top of wall per code requirements unless supporting a surcharge or impounding Class I, II, or IIIA liquids.