

**29-102. Construction and composition of fences.** All fences composed of posts and rails, posts and palings, posts and planks, or palisades, or of stone, or composed of posts and wires, or those composed of turf, shall be at least four feet high. Those composed of rails, commonly called a worm fence, shall be at least four and one-half feet high to the top of the rider, and shall be thoroughly staked and ridered, or if not staked and ridered shall have the corners locked with strong rails, stakes or posts. Those composed of stone shall be at least 18 inches wide at the bottom and 12 inches wide at the top. Those composed of turf shall be thoroughly staked and ridered, and shall have a ditch on the outside not less than two feet wide at the top and three feet deep. With respect to all fences composed of rails or lumber, the bottom rail, board or plank shall not be more than two feet from the ground. All such fences shall be substantially built and sufficiently close to prevent domestic animals, other than cats and dogs from going through. All hedge fences shall be of such height and thickness as will be sufficient to enclose domestic animals other than cats and dogs.

**History:** G.S. 1868, ch. 40, § 2; L. 1873, ch. 88, § 1; R.S. 1923, 29-102; L. 1986, ch. 195, § 3; July 1.