

FENCES

APPLYING FOR A PERMIT

Permits are required for a new fence and an existing fence which has been altered by repairing or replacing any structural element (e.g. posts) or repairing or replacing more than three (3) panels or 25 linear feet of fence.

The following must be submitted for the issuance of a building permit:

- 1) Completed building permit application, specify:
 - height of fence
 - type of material
- 2) Copy of your plat of survey indicating:
 - proposed location of the fence
- 3) If an attachment is being made to an existing fence owned by another, written consent must be obtained from the owner of the existing fence and submitted as part of the supporting data for the permit application.

CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

Postholes:

- fences over 4 feet in height, posthole depth must be minimum 42 inches
- fences 4 feet and under in height, posthole depth must be minimum 32 inches
- postholes must be 6 inches minimum in diameter
- fences constructed of concrete or masonry block shall be built upon a foundation with a minimum depth of 42 inches

Materials:

- Wood, iron, metal, stone, brick, PVC, or similar material is permitted
- **NO** material is permitted which is obviously intended to inflict great bodily harm should a person or animal attempt to climb or scale it in a residential zone or lots that abut a residential zone
- Barbed wire is permitted in business and industrial zones only, on the top one foot of any fence along side or rear lot lines, except where the fence fronts any street or residential property

Other requirements:

- structural elements or supports shall be located on the side of the fence facing toward the property on which the fence is constructed
- privacy fences must be raised 2 inches above grade

ZONING REQUIREMENTS

Height restrictions:

In calculating fence height, any extensions, such as posts, with the exception of ornamental caps on top of fence posts, shall be considered as fence. Fence height is measured from grade and shall follow grade along its length although a variation of six (6) inches shall be allowed to compensate for minor grade changes.

In single and multiple family residential zones:

- fences in front of the front line of the residential structure, along any street or highway right-of-way—maximum height is 4 feet above ground level
- fences along the side lines to the rear of the front line of the residential structure and along the rear line, including rear lines abutting streets or highway right-of-ways – maximum height is 6 feet above ground level

Business and industrial zones:

- maximum height is 7 feet above ground level

Location:

- Fences shall be placed a minimum of 4 inches on the inside of the property line unless an attachment is made to an existing fence.
- Fences shall not be located within radiuses of 10 feet measured from the points of intersection of driveways with public walkways unless it has adequate openings to permit clear visibility of pedestrians from ground level up and is approved by the building inspector.
- Fences may be placed on a public utility easement so long as the structures do not interfere in any way with existing underground, ground or over-ground utilities. The Village or any utility company having authority to use such easements shall not be liable for repair or replacement of such fences if they are moved, damaged or destroyed by virtue of the lawful use of the easement.
- Fences shall not be located on a public street, highway, or alley right-of-ways.

INSPECTIONS REQUIRED

- Posthole inspection
- Final inspection

Call 24 hours in advance for inspections: 708-206-3858