FENCE PERMIT TIPS

- All fences shall be constructed so that the finished side of the fence faces a public street and/or neighboring property.

- Fences in the front yard must:
  a. Be at least 1 foot from the front lot line or 2 feet from any public sidewalk.
  b. Not exceed 3 feet in height.
  c. Be of open design (ornamental or embellished and shall include only post rail, split rail, or picket).
  d. Not to extend more than 50% of the width of the lot on which it is located, as measure at the front property line.

- Fences in the corner side yard must:
  a. Be at least 1 foot from the corner side lot line or 2 feet from any public sidewalk.
  b. Not exceed 3 feet in height, unless the fence is located a minimum of 10 feet from the corner side property line.
  c. Be of open design (ornamental or embellished and shall include only post rail, split rail, or picket).

- Fences in rear and interior side yards:
  a. Must not exceed 6 feet in height.
  b. May be placed up to the property line.

- Fences along the rear yard that back up onto a street (double frontage lot) shall have a minimum rear yard setback of 5 feet, shall contain a gate to allow access to the rear street frontage, and landscape material shall be installed within the area between the fence and the rear lot line.

- All fences located within a rear yard abutting a street (double frontage lot) shall contain a gate to allow access to the rear street frontage for maintenance purpose, except where an existing fence installed prior to April 27, 1993, is being replaced using the existing post holes.

- No fence may be located within the vision triangle, the sides of which are formed by the right-of-way lines of two intersecting streets. The length of the sides of said triangle is fifteen (15) feet.

- Fences shall not inhibit or alter drainage over public utility or drainage easements.

- All fences shall be permanent and must be constructed and designed in a workman-like manner.

- At least 1/3 of the length of the fence post must be set in the ground.

Pet Enclosures:
  a. The enclosure or run shall not exceed 6 feet in height.
  b. The enclosure or run shall not exceed 200 square feet in area.
  c. The enclosure or run shall not be located closer than 10 feet to any property line.

Swimming pools/Required Fences:
  a. Must be completely enclosed by a fence at least 48 inches in height which surrounds the pool or the entire yard without any breaks except for a lockable gate(s).
  b. Need not be enclosed by a fence as described above if the pool has a deck and deck fence or self-contained fence extending from the top of the pool side wall to a minimum height of 6 feet from the surface of the ground, but no more than 7.5 feet in height.

Hot tubs/Required Fences:
  a. Must be completely enclosed by a fence at least forty-eight (48) inches in height, which surrounds the hot tub or the entire yard without any breaks except for a lockable gate(s).
  b. Need not be enclosed by a fence as described above if the hot tub has a lockable cover or is located within a self-contained spa enclosure, so long as the enclosure is locked when the hot tub is not in use.

Prohibited Fences:
  a. Any fences placed or maintained on any portion of any public right-of-way.
  b. Fences constructed in whole or in part of electrically charged wire, barbed wire, spikes, glass, protruding nails, or other sharp or pointed materials.
  c. Chain link fences along major streets. (Chain link fences must be constructed of 11 gauge wire or heavier. Weight of wire decreases as number increases; for example, 12 gauge wire is lighter weight than 11 gauge.)
  d. Chicken wire and snow fences (except those erected by local highway authorities).
To obtain a permit, please submit the following:
1. The permit application.
2. A current plat of survey indicating the proposed location of the fence on the lot. A typical plat of survey is attached for descriptive purposes only.
3. Homeowner's Association permission if applicable.
4. **FEE:** $40.00

   Additional fees may apply. Fee must be paid when application is submitted.

All contractors must be currently registered.

Placement/Height questions: Planning & Zoning Division  630/226-8480
Construction/Permit questions: Building Division  630/226-8470

*Please note: Processing time is 10-15 working days; however, if the application is incomplete the review time may be longer.*

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**Example 1:** This example illustrates when an open-design fence is required in a corner side yard.

This example illustrates where a fence which is not of open design may be erected in a corner side yard when your rear lot line is adjacent to the side lot line of your neighbor.

**Example 2:** This example illustrates front yard fence regulations. Notice that the total length of all fences in the front yard is not greater than 50% of the lot frontage.