



Village of Villa Park

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FENCES

(Ordinance 2317)



PERMIT APPLICATION

The Village of Villa Park requires a permit prior to beginning any construction.

To obtain a permit, the following is required:

- Completed Permit Application
Must indicate the type of fence (i.e. solid or chain link), length of fence, and height of fence
- Completed Contractor Sheet
If the homeowner is doing the work, "owner/self" should be written on the General Contractor line of the contractor sheet. If a contractor will be doing the work, they must meet the Villages requirements for bond and insurance.
- Plat of Survey (2 Copies) – mark in red exactly where fence will be placed on both copies including the length, height, and type of fence.
- If utilities need to be located, call J.U.L.I.E. (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators) at 1-800-892-0123 allowing 48 hours for service.
- Upon approval and before construction begins, display the yellow permit card in the window nearest the front door.

DEFINITIONS

A FENCE is a free-standing structure of metal, masonry, composition or wood or any combination thereof, resting on or partially buried in the ground and rising above ground level, and used for confinement or screening. Any plantings, shrubbery, hedges or other vegetation, whether used individually or in combination with free-standing structure of metal, masonry, composition or wood which is installed so as to provide an effective barrier to vision shall also constitute a fence if its length is more than 10 feet.

SOLID FENCE Any fence which, when viewed from an angle of ninety (90) degrees, is less than 75% open.

OPEN FENCE Any fence which, when viewed from an angle of ninety (90) degrees, is at least 75% open.

HEIGHT Height shall be measured from the ground at the point of measurement, provided, however, that the elevation of the ground at the point of measurement has not been artificially changed by installation of a berm, mound, or fill, unless the berm or fill has been installed, graded and approved as part of a subdivision grading plan. If the elevation at the point of measurement has been so changed, then the height shall be measured from the elevation of the ground prior to the change.

LOCATION AND MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF FENCES

The following examples will assist in illustrating the location and maximum sizes allowable for the construction of fences. Please note those triangular areas on some examples. For corner lots, there are visual obstruction triangles which limit maximum heights, including shrubbery, to 36" solid and chain link fences within 20' at street intersections. There is also a visual obstruction triangle that limits fencing to 36" solid or 48" chain link fences within the area of a triangle, two legs of which are 15' when measured from the intersection of the exterior side lot line and each side of any driveway whether located on the subject lot or an adjacent lot. These regulations apply only to corner and corner through lots.

REGULATIONS

The fence shall be constructed on the lot for which the permit has been taken out for. The services of a surveyor is recommended for locating fences along property lines.

The finished side of the fence shall face the adjacent lot line or street. The finished side of the fence shall be that side of the fence without support posts, columns, rails or other structural members.

No fence shall be permitted on any vacant lot or lot not containing a principal structure. No fence shall be located between any lot line and any adjacent street or alley.

Fences in interior side yards shall not be permitted unless the interior side yard has a width of at least nine (9) feet, except if located adjacent to a commercial district.

No fence located in a residential or commercial district shall contain any barbed wire or be designed, constructed, or installed in any way to provide or cause any injury to any person, or if a safety hazard is created.

A fence may be constructed on easements granted to the Village, or dedicated for public utilities, provided that the applicant acknowledges in writing the conditions as set forth in the application guide, to be made part of the permit application.

The Village also has regulations regarding fences for dog pounds or runs, as well as requirements for fences around swimming pools. Contact the Community Development Department for information on these items.

INSPECTIONS

A final inspection is required to insure that the construction complies with Village code and that all construction materials and debris are removed.