



# Village of Villa Park

## Permitting Division

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# FENCES



## **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.

## **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 a free-standing structure of metal, masonry, composition or wood that is installed to provide an effective visual barrier constitutes a “fence” under the ordinance if it is more than 10 feet in length.

**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.

**Fence, solid:** Any fence that when viewed from an angle of 90°, is less than 75% open

**Fence, open:** Any fence that when viewed from an angle of 90°, is at least 75% open

### **LOCATION AND MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF FENCES**

The following examples will assist in illustrating the location and maximum sizes allowable for the construction of fences.

The maximum height of fences in residential and commercial areas shall be 6 feet.

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 20' 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.

Post holes shall be a minimum 42" below grade.

### **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 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 create a safety hazard.

Fences may be construed in utility easements and easements granted to the village if the property owner acknowledges in a form approved by the village attorney that the village and its agents have the right to remove the fence at any time in order to repair, maintain or inspect the easement. The property owner is solely responsible for all expenses for repair, replacement, or damage to the fence within the easement as a result of either the fence removal or the repair, maintenance or inspection of improvements.

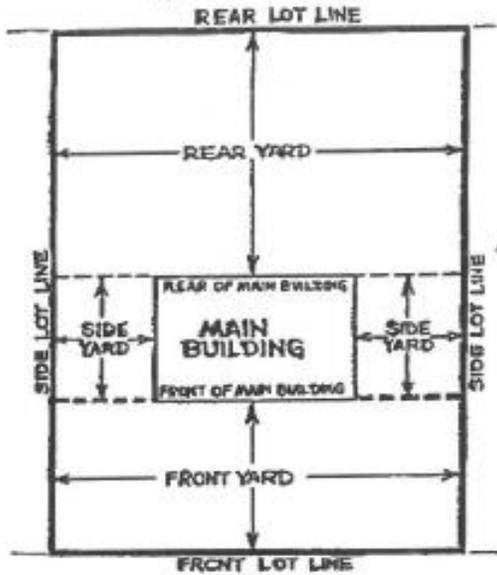
There are requirements for fences installed around swimming pools. They shall comply with the Swimming Pool and Spa Code.

The Village also has regulations regarding fences for dog pounds or runs. Contact the Community Development Department for information on these items.

### **INSPECTIONS**

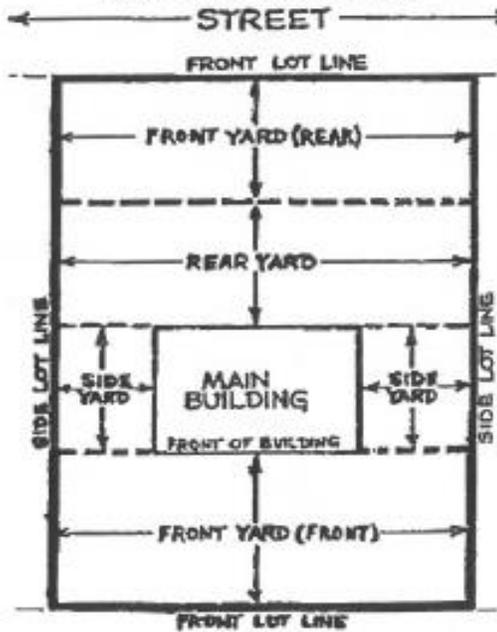
A post hole and final inspection is required to ensure that the construction complies with Village code and that all construction materials and debris are removed.

Figure 9-1. Interior Lot



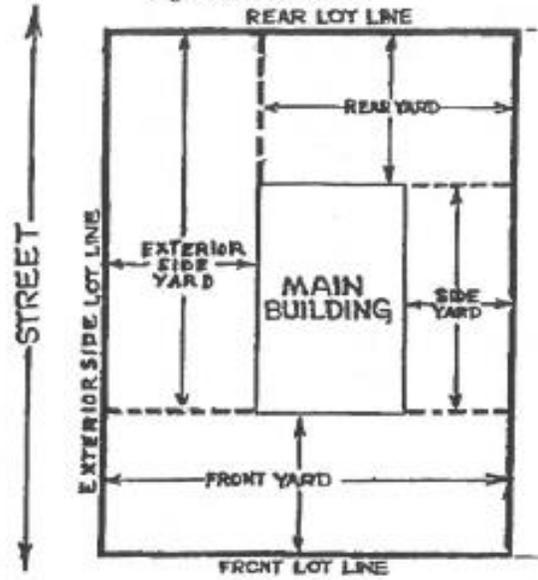
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Figure 9-3. Interior Through Lot



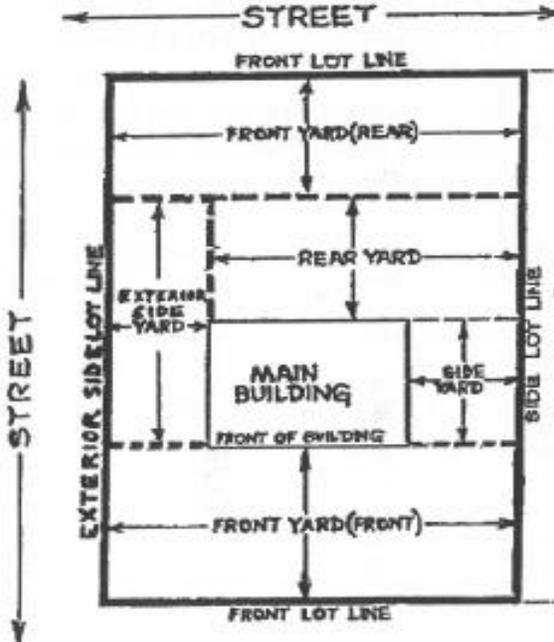
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Figure 9-2. Corner Lot



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Figure 9-4. Corner Through Lot



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