



VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

FENCES

What is required to obtain a building permit for a fence at my home?

- Completed permit application including the estimated cost of construction.
- Two copies of your Plat of Survey indicating the size and location of the fence marked with a highlighter pen.

Where on my property can a fence be located?

- Fences may only be located in side and rear yards.
EXCEPTION: Corner side yard fences. Corner side yard fences must meet the following requirements:
 1. Fences shall be a minimum of 36 inches and a maximum of 42 inches in height.
 2. Fencing beyond the corner side building setback line shall be a minimum of 40% open.
 3. The minimum setback shall be 5 feet from the property line or inner edge of the public sidewalk (whichever provides the greatest setback from the public right-of-way)
 4. Fences shall be constructed of an approved material, such as:
wrought iron / wrought aluminum / painted PVC / wood / cast iron split rail / coated chain link

No fence or any other obstruction including trees, bushes and shrubs shall be planted or constructed so as to obstruct sight or vision lines of passing motorists or to in any way cause a dangerous or hazardous traffic condition.

What is the maximum height of a fence?

- Fences may not exceed 6 feet in height.
EXCEPTION: Privacy fencing around swimming pools, patios, and decks may be a maximum of 7 feet in height, measured from grade. Privacy fencing is permitted in the back and side yards when installed around a patio or deck, and must be immediately adjacent to the dwelling unit.

Are there any types of fencing that are prohibited?

- Several types of fencing material are prohibited for residential use. These include:
 1. Barbed wire
 2. Electrified
 3. Snow fence
 4. Chicken wire/farmer's fence
 5. Masonry structures
 6. Solid fence"Stockade" or "butted board" type fences shall be considered solid, unless the surface contains a minimum of three-fourths-inch (3/4") of open space every six and three-quarter (6 3/4) lineal inches, measured either vertically or horizontally along the surface. "Alternating board" and "basket weave" style fencing shall not be considered solid.

What are the requirements to install a front yard fence in the Old Town District?

- Fences may be placed in the front yard of properties in the Old Town District. These fences shall meet the following:
 1. Fences shall be a minimum of 36 inches and a maximum of 42 inches in height.
 2. Fence posts shall be a maximum of 48 inches in height (to allow 6 inches for decorative features such as caps or finials).
 3. Fencing shall be a minimum of 40% open (plantings around fence may not interfere with required open area).
 4. Fence shall not be closer to the street than the property line or 24 inches inside the public sidewalk (whichever provides the greater setback).
 5. Fences shall be constructed of an approved material, some recommendations include: **wrought iron / wrought aluminum / painted PVC / wood / cast iron / split rail**
 6. All front yard fencing shall be required to be decorative in design (contemporary styles will not be approved)
 7. A minimum 36-inch wide gate shall be installed with a direction of swing toward the house.
 8. Gate may be latched but shall not be lockable.

Can my fence be built so the bottom is in contact with the ground?

- The bottom of fences built in a side yard swale shall be a minimum of 3 inches above finished grade.
- The bottom of fences built in a drainage easement shall be a minimum of 4 inches above finished grade.
- The bottom of all other fences shall be a minimum of 2 inches above finished grade.

What are the general requirements for all approved fences?

- All posts shall be placed such that the below-grade depth is equal to one-third (1/3) the length of the post used.
- Signs placed on fences or posts advertising fence contractors or companies are prohibited.
- Any fence that has an unfinished side shall be erected so the unfinished side and supporting members face inward.

If you have questions concerning fence installation please contact:

Algonquin Community Development

847-658-2700 (option 3)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CONTACT J.U.L.I.E

BEFORE YOU DIG

CALL 8-1-1 or 800-892-0123

48 HOURS BEFORE YOU DIG

EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS

Individual subdivision covenants may have special requirements and restrictions.