



VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN

DETAILED REQUIREMENTS FOR FENCES

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

1. Completed permit application including the estimated cost of construction.
2. One copy of your Plat of Survey indicating the size, material, style and location of the fence marked with a highlighter pen.
3. Completed Release and Wavier Liability form (if fence is located within an easement).
4. Individual subdivision covenants may have special requirements and restrictions:

[See Subdivisions with Unique Fencing Restrictions guide.](#)

Where on my property can a fence be located?

- Fences may only be located in side and rear yards.

EXCEPTION: 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.
5. 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: barbed wire, electrified, snow fence, chicken wire/farmer's fence, masonry structures, and solid fences.

“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. Minimum 36" deep.
- 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.
- The bottom of fencing installed within a drainage easement shall be a minimum of 4 inches above finished grade.
- Fencing installed as a swimming pool barrier may have additional requirements.

What are the code requirements for all approved fences?

- Fences can be installed all the way up to the property line in rear and side yards.
- Fences are allowed to be installed up to the building line in the front yard.
- ALL FENCES must be erected so that the posts and supports face towards the owner's property.

READY FOR INSPECTIONS?

NO SAME DAY INSPECTIONS

<p>CALL: 847-658-2700 Select option 3</p>	<p>ONLINE: https://css.algonquin.org/CSS/</p>  <p>SCAN ME</p>	<p>DO-IT-YOURSELF: Doors & Windows, Driveway Final, Fence Final, Ice & Water Shield, Siding Final</p>  <p>SCAN ME</p>
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REQUIRED INSPECTIONS:

1. Post Hole Inspection – Schedule at least 24 hrs. in advance (or by 3pm the day before) when the holes are ready for inspection.
2. Final Inspection – Schedule once all work has been completed.

USEFUL INFORMATION:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
CONTACT **J.U.L.I.E 1-800-892-0123**
BEFORE YOU DIG
48 HOURS BEFORE YOU DIG
EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS



VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN PROPERTY OWNER RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

In consideration for my undertaking the installation of any improvements upon the Village of Algonquin right-of-ways, public utility easements or drainage easements at _____, I understand and acknowledge that I do so at my own risk.

In signing this Release and Waiver of Liability, I, as property owner of the property located at below, for myself and my successors and assigns, hereby forever release the Village of Algonquin, its officers, employees, agents, successors and assigns from any and all liability, damages, suits, claims and demands for damages at law or equity including, but not limited to, property damage to said improvements, which I now have or may have hereafter on account of or in any way arising out of any actions on the part of the Village of Algonquin including the Village's maintenance or work upon its right-of-ways, public utility easements or drainage easements. I agree to remove or relocate said improvement(s) upon the Village of Algonquin's request.

In signing this Release and Waiver of Liability, I also agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Village of Algonquin, its officers, employees and agents from any and all liability, damages, suits, claims and demands for damages at law or equity which someone other than myself may have or may have hereafter on account of or in any way related to property damage to any and all improvements placed upon a Village right-of-way, public utility easement or drainage easement, on or account of or in any way related to the installation of said improvements, including any liens or personal or other injuries which may arise during or subsequent to the installation of said improvements.

Date: _____

Property Owner's Name: _____

Property Owner's Signature: _____

Property Address: _____

Type of Improvement: _____

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Email completed Waiver of Liability Form to Permits@algonquin.org



Open Fence
(ex. picket, spaced picket, rail, etc.)



Semi-Open Fence
(ex. board-on-board, shadowbox, etc.)



Solid Fence
(ex. board-to-board, privacy, etc.)



Minimum 3/4" spacing between boards.

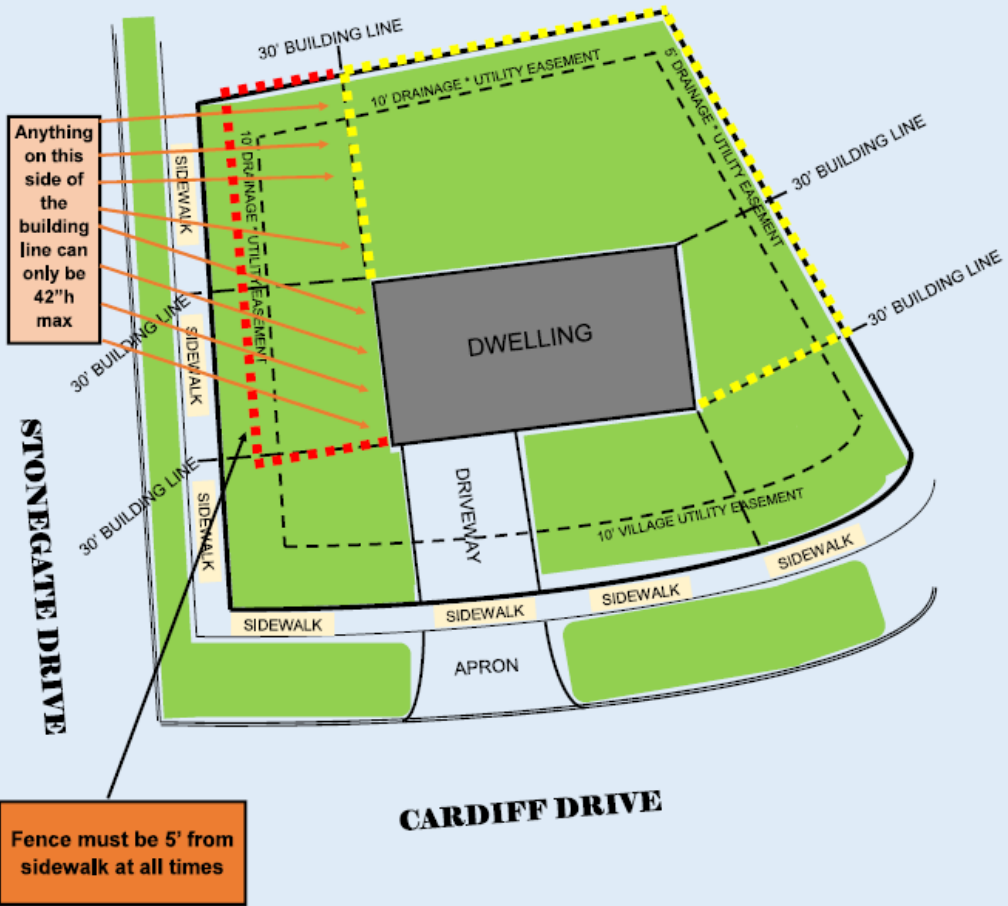
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PLAT OF SURVEY

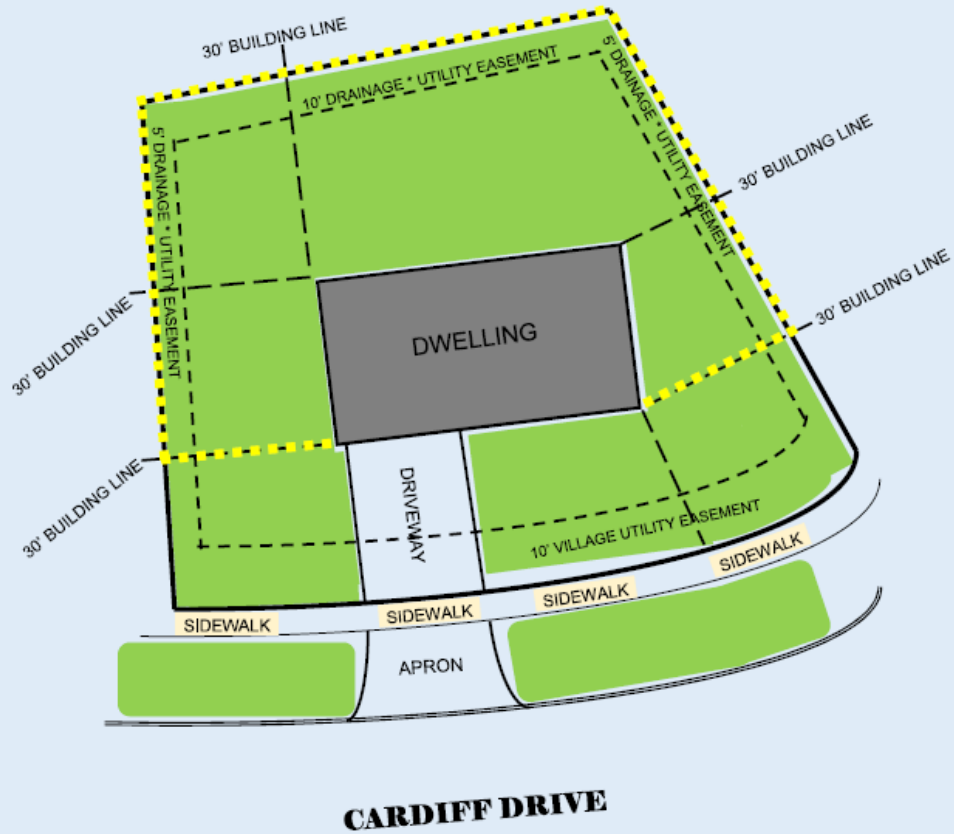


■■■■■ Up to 6' High Fence
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 Must meet fence types that are allowed.

CORNER LOT SAMPLE



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NON-CORNER LOT SAMPLE