

CITY OF WAYNE FENCE REQUIREMENTS

NO PERSON SHALL BUILD OR RELOCATE A FENCE IN THE CITY WITHOUT FIRST HAVING OBTAINED A PERMIT FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

Applications for fence permits shall be made upon form provided by the City of Wayne Building Department and shall contain or have attached thereto the following information:

- 1) The name, address and telephone number of the applicant.
- 2) The location of the building, structure or lot to which or upon which the fence is to be attached or erected.
- 3) The position of the fence in relation to nearby buildings or structures.
- 4) Two blueprints or ink drawings of the plans and specifications and of the method of construction of the fence in the ground or the method of attachment of the fence to a building.
- 5) The name of the person, firm, corporation or association erecting the structure.
- 6) Written consent of the owner of the building, structure or land to which the structure is to be erected.
- 7) Completely fill out the fence plot plan and application provided by the Building Department.
- 8) Such other information as the Department of Building & Engineering shall require to show full compliance with this Zoning Code.
- 9) Only one fence is allowed on the property line on the same lot.

REVIEW AND REVOCATION:

It shall be the duty of the Department of Building & Engineering, upon the filing of an application for a permit, to examine such plans and specifications and other data and the premises upon which the fence is proposed to the requirements of this chapter and all other laws and ordinances of the City, it shall then issue the fence permit. If the work authorized under a fence permit has not been completed within six months of the date of issuance, said permit shall become null and void.

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS:

Materials: All fences built or repaired shall have posts made of either iron pipe, at least one and five-eighths inches outside diameter, or any other material of equal stability sunk in concrete at least three feet, or treated wood posts four inches in diameter or reinforced concrete posts four inches across, set in the earth three feet and having a height above the average grade of the two adjoining lots of not less than three feet. Iron pipe having an outside diameter of at least one and five-eighths inches, or another material of equal stability, using a "drive anchor" installation mechanism or any other anchoring mechanism of equal stability and rigidity, may be used if approved by the Department of Building & Engineering in lieu of setting posts in three feet of concrete. Masonry walls shall have footings as specified in the BOCA National Building Code, as adopted in Section 1410.02 of the Building and Housing Code. Partitions or property line fences shall not exceed six feet in height. All fence materials must be approved by the Building Department.

All fences herein required shall be constructed solely of new materials approved by the Department of Building & Engineering to be durable, weather-resistant and easily maintained.

- a) Construction. All fences shall be constructed in such a manner that all structural members, including braces, posts, poles and other projections, shall be on the interior side of the fence.
- b) Attachment. Attaching one fence to another to form a single barrier is expressly prohibited.
- c) Design Requirements. Painted fences, in hues other than white, earth or wood tones, shall be subject to the review and approval of the Planning Commission and the following design standards:
 - (1) The appearance, color, texture and materials being used will preserve property values in the immediate vicinity and will not adversely affect any property values.
 - (2) The appearance of the fence will not detract from the general harmony of, and is compatible with, the structure and other developments already existing in the immediate vicinity.
 - (3) The appearance of the fence will not be garish or otherwise offensive to the sense of sight to passersby.
 - (4) Fence appearance will tend to minimize or prevent discordant and unsightly surroundings in the immediate neighborhood.

RESIDENTIAL FENCES

General Requirements: Except as may be otherwise specified within this section, fences in all Residential Districts shall not:

- 1) Exceed six feet in height, measured from the grade. An additional six inches of fence height may be permitted for the purpose of providing an open space at the base of the fence for property maintenance.
- 2) Be constructed nearer the street than the front bearing wall of an existing dwelling or the building setback line of vacant residential lots. In those cases where a dwelling is set on the rear portion of a lot, a fence may be constructed at the building setback line of the adjacent properties, or the twenty-five foot setback line, whichever is greater. On corner lots, fencing may be erected along the side street property lines not further toward the front lot line than the rear building line, except that a side entrance may be included in such fencing.

Decorative Fencing: Decorative fences shall be permitted in a front yard no closer than three feet to any property line where they do not exceed two and one-half feet in height and the vertical surface in any five-foot section measured from the finished ground grade to the top of the fence has openings of at least fifty percent of the total surface of each five-foot section of fence, and all framing members, including posts, horizontal or vertical supports and fencing, are to be considered in the calculation.

Height Exception: In cases of residential lots abutting public, commercial or industrial alleys or properties, public playing fields, parking lots, parks, school grounds or recreation areas, approved fences not exceeding six feet in height may be erected and maintained along side or rear lot lines abutting such alleys or properties.
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