

CHAPTER 9  
FENCES

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Fences are allowed in all districts, and may be placed along property lines. Fence posts must face in and the finished side must face out. Fences are subject to the other building codes as previously adopted in Section 4-1-1 *et seq.* and to the following restrictions for solid and see-through fences:

- A. Permits: Building permits are required for all solid or see-through fencing over three and one-half (3½) feet in height (excluding posts and ornamental objects attached to posts) and all fencing placed on the lot line.
- B. Height Limitations: In residential districts (Section 5(A)-1-1 *et seq.*) no fence shall exceed six (6) feet in height in the rear and side yards. In other districts (Section 5(A)-1-1 *et seq.*), no fence shall exceed eight (8) feet in height in the rear and side yards and shall not exceed three and one-half (3½) feet for solid fencing in front yards and shall not exceed four (4) feet in height in front yard for see-through fencing.
- C. Solid fences obscuring more than fifty percent (50%) of the view through the fence:
  - 1. A solid fence shall not exceed six (6) feet in height when constructed on residential property and shall not exceed eight (8) feet on commercial, industrial and institutional property.
  - 2. A solid fence over three and one-half (3½) feet in height shall not exceed building setback lines for any lot lines abutting a street.
  - 3. Whenever a business or industry abuts a residential district, in order to screen the business or industry from the residential district, there shall be erected a wall or solid fence at least six (6) feet in height and maintained in good condition in the side and rear yards and a three and one-half (3½) foot solid fence in the front yard, the location and construction of which must be approved by the Village Board.
  - 4. All open off-street parking areas for six (6) or more cars shall be effectively screened by a wall, a solid fence or a densely planted compact hedge along any side which adjoins a residential district or an institutional property. Such wall, fence or hedge shall be at least six (6) feet in the rear and side yards and at least three and one-half (3½) feet in the front yard and shall be maintained in good condition.
- D. See through fences obscuring fifty percent (50%) or less of the view through fence:
  - 1. No building permit is needed for a see-through fence under three and one-half (3½) feet.

2. A see-through fence shall not exceed six (6) feet in height in residential districts and shall not exceed eight (8) feet in other districts.
  3. A see-through fence over four (4) feet in height shall not exceed building setback lines for any lot lines abutting a street.
  4. Dog pounds, runs and enclosures shall only be permitted in rear yards and shall be located not closer than 10 feet to any lot line within the rear yard. Except as provided herein, such enclosures shall be constructed of see-through fencing, shall not exceed the height limitations for the various zoning districts nor shall they exceed more than a total of 50 lineal feet. Only one such pound, run or enclosure shall be permitted per zoning lot. When a Multiple Dog License has been issued by the Village the enclosure shall be solid, not less than five feet in height and provide an area of no less than 400 square feet per dog.
- E. When the rear lot line is adjacent to any alley, any fences, walls and hedges shall not be closer than three (3) feet from the rear lot line.
- F. Chain link fences must be constructed “knuckle side up.”
- G. The use of barbed wire, electrical fences or any other injurious fencing is prohibited in residential districts. In other districts, the use of barbed wire and electrical fences is prohibited except when barbed wire is restricted to the area exceeding six (6) feet in height and facing inward, toward the property.