

Fences - Residential



Village of Hoffman Estates

Code Enforcement

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Repair or replacement of less than 16 feet of existing fencing is exempt from permit.

Permit Procedure:

- Complete and sign a *Building Permit Application*.
- All contractors must be registered, licensed and bonded accordingly.
- Supply 2 copies of your plat of survey with the fence location indicated with X's.
- Supply a copy of the contract or *Scope of Work Form* indicating the exact style, length and height of the fencing.
- There may be private covenants, conditions and restrictions running with the title of the property. The owner is responsible for Home or Property Owner Association approvals.

Fence Requirements:

- Location
 - Fences are allowed up to the property line in rear and side yards (corner lot fences are allowed under limited conditions. Please call to inquire about corner lots fences.)
 - Be certain of your property line location so that the fence does not encroach onto your neighbor's property. **INSTALLER MUST LOCATE PROPERTY CORNERS OR THE INSPECTION CANNOT BE APPROVED.**
 - Fences are allowed up to the building line in the front yard.
 - All fences must be erected so that posts and supports face towards the owner's property.
 - Decorative fences are permitted in the front yard at lot corners, as long as they do not exceed 8 feet in length, 4 feet in height and are 80% open.
- Height
 - Fences may not exceed 6 feet in height.
 - Decorative fence post caps may not exceed 4 inches in height.
- Materials
 - Barbed wire and electrically charged fences are not permitted.
 - Chain link fabric must be installed with the barbed end facing down.
 - Contractor and company signs are not permitted to be placed on fences.
 - Fences must be properly maintained. Any damaged or leaning sections must be repaired or replaced.

Inspection:

- Property corner inspection.
- When completed, a final inspection is required.
- Call Code Enforcement at (847) 781-2631 to schedule an appointment.