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Fence Installation Guide

To properly process your fence permit application you need to present to the Community Development Department the following information:

1. Two copies of your plat of survey, showing the proposed location of your new fence.
2. A materials list describing the type of fencing materials you plan to use and the height of your proposed fence.

PERMIT FEE FOR RESIDENTIAL FENCES: \$30.00

VILLAGE OF WOODRIDGE FENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL

Open fences are defined as a fence including gates which has a ratio of open area to closed area of 4:1 with the open area distributed uniformly over the entire height and length of the fence. Open fences shall be constructed in such a manner that no vertical member shall exceed a width of six (6) inches.

Open fences shall include split-rail fences with no more than three (3) horizontal rails, post and board fences with no more than three (3) horizontal boards, and fences of chain link, woven mesh or other similar designs except that any fences which obstruct or disturb vision, or create a visibility hazard due to reflected or refractive qualities are not defined as an open fence.

Closed fences are defined as any fence which is not an open fence.

Open fences not exceeding three (3) feet in height and made of wood or wood products may be located anywhere on a lot.

Closed or Open fences not exceeding six feet (6') in height may be located anywhere on a lot except within twenty-five feet (25') of the front lot line or except within fifteen feet (15') of the exterior side lot line.

Lots in a residential district where the minimum lot size is less than 8,200 square feet:

a. May erect an open fence not exceeding four and one-half (4-1/2) feet in height anywhere on a lot except within twenty-five (25) feet of the front lot line.

b. On a through corner lot or a reversed corner lot where the rear of the principal residential structure faces the rear of the principal residential structure on an adjoining lot, the location of closed or open fences not exceeding six feet (6') in height is limited to the rear yard, and that portion of the exterior side yard located to the rear of the principal building.

The finished side of all fences shall face away from the interior of fenced property.

Minimum of eleven (11) gauge thickness required on all chain link or wire mesh fences.

No fence shall be erected with barbed wire or other hazardous devices or material.

No fence shall have an electrical charge or other hazardous device.

Fences must be installed two to three inches from property lines to avoid neighbor disputes.

Fences may be installed on utility easements located on property.

NOTE: Utility Companies have the right of access to same at all times. If the Utility Company must remove the fence, it will be at their discretion whether or not the fence is replaced by them.

IMPORTANT: Contact J.U.L.I.E. at 1 (800) 892-0123 and the Public Services Department of the Village of Woodridge at 719-4753 so that the utility lines can be marked on the public easements. Utility line damage resulting from the installation of fences prior to locating buried lines shall be the responsibility of the party cutting the line(s). Also **NOTE**, before calling J.U.L.I.E. have the following information on hand for them: County, Township (Name & Number), SECTION NO. Call 48 hours before you dig!