

# FENCE

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## THIS IS A LIST OF THE MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS REGARDING FENCES

**Q. Do I need a permit?**

A. Yes, except for a decorative fence more than 50% open and 4' or less in height.

**Q. How much will a building permit for a fence cost?**

A. \$64.00.

**Q. Can I put up a fence around my entire yard?**

A. Yes, but only if it is a decorative fence more than 50% open and 4' or less in height, such as a picket or split rail fence.

**Q. You mean I can't fence in my own yard for privacy if I want?**

A. Correct. You may not fence in your yard for privacy **EXCEPT** for a 20' maximum length, 6' maximum height privacy fence for a patio that must be located in the rear yard.

(Residential properties which abut commercial properties please call for clarification.)

**Q. What if I want to put up a chain link fence?**

A. A chain link fence is permitted if it is used for one **PET ENCLOSURE** not in excess of 100 square feet, maximum 6' high, in the rear yard and at least 20' from the lot line. Chain link fence is also allowed to enclose an **ACTIVITY AREA FOR CHILDREN** not more than 6' in height and not more than 500 square feet in area.

**Q. What about the fence at a swim pool or tennis court?**

A. Fences at swim pool or tennis courts are governed by the swim pool and tennis court ordinances.

**Q. How do I apply for a fence permit?**

A. Application forms are available at the Inspection Services Department Service desk. Bring two copies of a typical fence panel drawing and five copies of a current survey (with the proposed fence sketched in to scale) of the lot along with you when you apply for the permit.

**Q. Must I have the lot line identified?**

A. Yes. The corners shall be located with intermediate stakes or a reference line from corner to corner. This line must remain in place during construction and final inspection.

**NOTE:** The property owner is responsible for correct placement of structures upon a parcel of land to comply with the building and zoning law. The edge of the City street pavement or back of curb is usually **NOT** located on a property line.

Good luck with your project! Remember we are here to serve and protect you, our residents.

Our hours are Monday thru Friday 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Inspectors are in from 7:00-8:00 a.m. and 2:30-3:30 p.m. Our telephone number is **(262) 796-6646**. Please call if we may be of further assistance.

**PLEASE CALL DIGGER'S HOTLINE AT LEAST 3 DAYS PRIOR TO STARTING YOUR PROJECT AT (800) 242-8511 OR (800) 542-2289**