



## § 156.059 RESIDENTIAL FENCE REGULATIONS

- (A) *Permit required.* No fence or wall shall be erected or altered in any yard without a fence permit.
- (B) *Construction and maintenance.* Every fence shall be constructed in a complete and substantial manner and of material reasonably suited for the purpose for which the fence was constructed. Fence material must be of chain link, wood, cement, brick, or by approval of the building official. Every fence shall be maintained in a good and safe condition at all times. The finished side of the fence, or that side of the fence without exposed supports or posts, shall face the neighboring property or street.
- (C) *Property line setback.* Fences shall be set back one foot from all property lines or, with mutual written consent of both property owners, may be placed along the property line.
- (D) *Corner setback.* No fence or screen which obstructs view shall be located within 25 feet of any corner formed by the intersection of street rights-of-way as measured from the intersecting property lines.
- (E) *Height.* In residential districts, fences located in front yards shall not exceed four feet in height. Fences in side yards and rear yards shall not exceed six feet in height. Residential districts that are next to commercial districts may have fences eight feet in height.
- (F) *Fence variances.* Variances from the fence requirements in divisions (A) through (E) above may be allowed by the City Council only after Planning Commission review and if the following conditions are met:
- (1) Applicant must be the property owner;
  - (2) Applicant must sign a fence permit and agree to abide by all its conditions; and
  - (3) Applicant must provide a registered survey if the adjoining property owner does not agree to the placement of the fence. The adjoining property owner must be given ten days to respond.
- (G) *Snow fence.* Snow fence may be erected for snow control from the month of October until the end of April. Snow fence may be erected around construction sites for the duration of the construction project or by discretion of the building official.
- (H) *Farming operations fencing.*
- (1) Barbed wire and electric fencing are allowed.
  - (2) Must be a minimum of one foot off of the property line.
  - (3) Fencing does not have to be removed until the property becomes less than ten acres in size.
- (I) *Other fencing.* Other types of fencing not mentioned in this section require a variance.

(Ord. 323, passed 1-18-01; Am. Ord. 453, passed 7-18-19; Am. Ord. 483, passed 6-16-21)

### **Please submit:**

- 1. Fence Building Permit Application**
- 2. Free-hand Drawing Showing:**
  - A. Property lines and any streets or alleys**
  - B. Buildings on the property**
  - C. Fence location and distances from property lines and buildings**
  - D. Type of fencing and height of fencing**
  - E. Written authorization from neighbor if fence is closer than one foot from property line**
  - F. Call 8-1-1 before digging**

If you have any questions, please call the Zoning Administrator at (320) 983-3141.

