



Village of Spring Grove Fences

What is required to obtain a building permit for a fence at my home?

- Completed permit application including the estimated cost of construction.
- A copy of your Septic Plan indicating and highlighting the proposed location of the fence.
- A depiction of style of fence to be installed.
- An approval letter from the applicant's homeowners association, if applicable.

How much does a building permit cost?

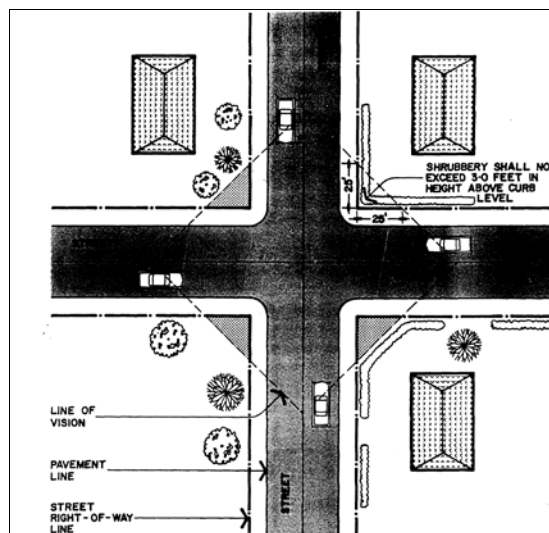
- The building permit cost is figured by the lineal feet. The cost is \$50.00 for the first 100 lineal feet. \$25.00 for each additional 100 lineal feet or part thereof.

What is the maximum height of a fence?

- A fence shall not exceed 6 feet in height in Residential Zoning Districts and shall not exceed 8 feet in height in Business and Industrial Zoning Districts.

Where on my property can a fence be located?

- A fence may only be located in the side and rear yards.
- A fence **shall not** exceed building setback lines for any lot lines abutting a street.
- A fence **shall not** be constructed on front lot lines or in front yards.
- A solid fence shall not exceed building setback lines.
- No fence, or any other obstruction including trees, bushes, and shrubs shall be planted or constructed so as to obstruct sight or vision lines of passing motorists or to in any way cause a dangerous or hazardous traffic condition (see vision clearance diagram).



Can my fence be built, so the bottom is in contact with the ground?

- Fences built in the side yard swale shall not be closer than three (3) inches from finished grade. If a drainage easement is located on your plat of survey, the bottom of the fence shall be no closer than four (4) inches from finished grade. All other fences shall be a minimum of two (2) inches from finished grade.

Are there any types of fencing that are prohibited?

- Fences shall be constructed of an approved material, some recommendations include: *wrought iron, wrought aluminum, painted PVC, wood, cast iron and, split rail.*
- Chain link fences are prohibited in Residential Zoning Districts with the exception of portable dog runs not greater than 12 ft. x 24 ft.
- Several types of fencing material are prohibited for residential use. These include: chain link, barbed wire, electrified, snow fence, chicken wire/farmer's fence, and masonry structures.
- Signs placed on fences or posts advertising fence contractors or companies shall be prohibited.

What inspections are required for an approved fence?

- **Post Holes.** All posts holes shall be a minimum 42" below grade.
- **Final.** A final inspection is required when the fence has been installed to ensure that it was installed properly and per the approved plans.

**If you have any questions concerning fence installation please contact:
Village of Spring Grove Building Department
815-675-2121 ext. 207**

Important Information

State law requires the actual person doing the digging contact J.U.L.I.E. before you begin your project.

1-800-892-012 or 811

48 hours before you dig, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays

NOTE: Individual subdivision covenants may have special requirements and should be checked prior to applying for a permit or signing any contracts.