

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.
- ❑ One copy of your Plat of Survey indicating the size and location of the fence marked with a highlighter pen.

How much does a building permit cost?

The building permit cost is figured by the lineal feet. The cost is \$10.00 per 100 lineal feet.

Where on my property can a fence be located?

- ❑ Fences may only be located in the side and rear yards.
- ❑ 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).

Fences used for screening:

- ❑ No fence shall be erected unless a permit is obtained in advance from the Building and Zoning Department
- ❑ Fences shall not exceed 6 feet in height when constructed on lot lines.
- ❑ A solid fence shall not exceed building setback lines.
- ❑ Fences shall be constructed of an approved material, some recommendations include: *wrought iron, wrought aluminum, painted PVC, wood, cast iron, split rail, chain link.*

What is the maximum height of a fence?

- ❑ Fences may not exceed six (6) feet in height.

EXCEPTION: Privacy fencing around swimming pools, patios, and decks may be a maximum of seven (7) feet in height (measured from grade). Privacy fencing shall only be allowed in the back and side yards when installed around a patio or deck, and must be immediately adjacent to the dwelling unit. A three-sided fence against an attached garage used as a dog run or camper/boat enclosure is permitted.

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

Are there any types of fencing that are prohibited?

- Several types of fencing material are prohibited for residential use. These include:
 1. Barbed wire
 2. Electrified
 3. Snow Fence
 4. Chicken Wire/Farmer's Fence
 5. Masonry Structures

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.

What are the general requirements for all approved fences?

- All posts shall be placed below grade at a depth equal to one-third (1/3) the length of the post used.
- Signs placed on fences or posts advertising fence contractors or companies shall be prohibited.

