



FENCE

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. **PERMIT FEE:** \$70.00
2. **ZONING:** A plat of survey showing the locations, dimensions, and setbacks of all existing and proposed improvements is required.
3. **HISTORIC DISTRICT:** If the property is located in the Historic District, a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) is required.
4. **COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS:** Many subdivisions have private covenants and restrictions which supersede City zoning requirements. The City **does not** enforce covenants and restrictions. It is recommended that property owner's check with the homeowner's association prior to commencing any work.
5. **FENCE RESTRICTIONS:** Certain subdivisions do not allow fences in front or side yards. Any yard adjoining a street is considered a front yard. The following restrictions apply to front yards.
 - a. The maximum height for a solid fence is 3 feet.
 - b. The maximum height for a 40% open fence is 4 feet.
 - c. The fence must not obstruct the view of traffic at intersections or driveways.
 - d. No chain link fences are allowed within front building lines.

The following restriction applies to side and rear yards:

- a. The maximum height for a fence is 6 feet.

A maximum separation of 6 inches is allowed between the ground and the bottom of the fence. **The 6 inch separation is included in the fence height.**

5. **SUPPORTING MEMBERS:** The posts and all supporting members of the fence must face the interior of the lot on which the fence is located.
6. **LOCATION:** Fences may be constructed up to the property line. It is the homeowner's responsibility to determine all property lines.
7. **EASEMENTS:** Fences may be installed in easements; however, it is the homeowner's responsibility to contact all utility companies and the City of Elgin to locate possible underground lines and cables within the easement. The property owner assumes all responsibility for any damage that may occur as a result of the City or utility company working within the easement. Fences placed within drainage easements shall be installed so as to **not** impede the flow of stormwater.
8. **INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS:** A final inspection is required upon completion of the work.

FOR INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT www.cityofelgin.org OR CALL:

Community Development at (847) 931-5920 (Zoning, Building and Inspections)
Historic Preservation or COA's at (847) 931-6004

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG: JULIE (800) 892-0123 to locate utility lines