

FENCES



DOCUMENT SUBMITTAL LIST

- Completed *Application for Construction or Use* (Permit application). Application must include authorized signature by the property owner if not owner occupied.
- Three copies of the Plat of Survey with fence location indicated using “x”s for location of the fence.
- Description of fence materials, height, type and illustration of proposed fence.
- Written letter of permission, if attaching fence to a fence on adjoining property.

Failure to provide any of the above documents may result in processing delays.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND FEES

1. A permit is required for the construction of a fence. Existing permitted gates, and fences not exceeding 30% of the existing linear length do not require a permit, provided repairs or replacement is fabricated with materials of the same style and dimensions.
2. The application review period averages two weeks. The applicant will be contacted when the permit is ready for issuance and payment.
3. If work commences prior to permit issuance, the permit fee shall be doubled.
4. A list of required inspections is provided on the reverse side of the permit. Inspections must be scheduled at least one day prior to the desired inspection date by calling the Warrenville Community Development Department (630-393-9050).
5. A permit may become invalid if work does not begin within 180 days of issuance, or if construction has been halted and not resumed for a period of 60 consecutive days.
6. Homeowners Association (HOA) approval may be required before commencing work. The issuance of a permit does not exempt HOA rules and regulations.
7. It is the homeowner/contractor’s responsibility to have underground utilities located no less than 48 hours before digging commences by calling J.U.L.I.E (811).
8. Fees: Building Permit \$50.00

REGULATIONS

1. The maximum height of a fence in a residential district, measured from the finished grade at the fence post, is 6 feet. Fence posts may extend no more than 6 inches above the maximum six-foot fence height, provided the panels do not measure more than six feet in height. Decorative fence post caps are excluded from measurement of fence height. Fences abutting a railroad right-of-way or along the edge of a utility easement that adjoins and runs parallel with a railroad right-of-way may be a maximum of 8 feet in height.

2. The height of protection fencing/backstops shall not exceed 30 feet for baseball and softball fields, 16 feet for batting cages, 12 feet for tennis courts, and 10 feet for all other recreational equipment.
3. Fences shall display the finished side toward the abutting property. Fences along properties abutting a railroad right-of-way or along the edge of a utility easement that adjoins and runs parallel with a railroad right-of-way may display finished sides toward the property.
4. Fences are permitted in front yards, rear yards, and side yards.
5. Solid fences over 2 feet in height are prohibited in the Vision Clearance Triangle. (See below.)
6. Fences may be placed up to but not on the property line.
7. Fences may be attached to a neighbor's fence with the neighbor's written permission. A copy of the written permission must be submitted with the permit application.
8. A final inspection is required upon completion. The dimensions and location of the fence will be verified at such time. Proof of property boundaries is required, this should include exposing the property marker irons.
9. Fences may encroach upon a utility or a drainage easement without blocking drainage. The City of Warrenville or any utility company that has legal rights to utilize said easement, shall have the right to remove the fence. Notwithstanding emergency situations, removal of a legally permitted fence in a utility or drainage easement is performed with care and in a workmanlike manner intended to minimize unnecessary damage to said fence.

DEFINITIONS

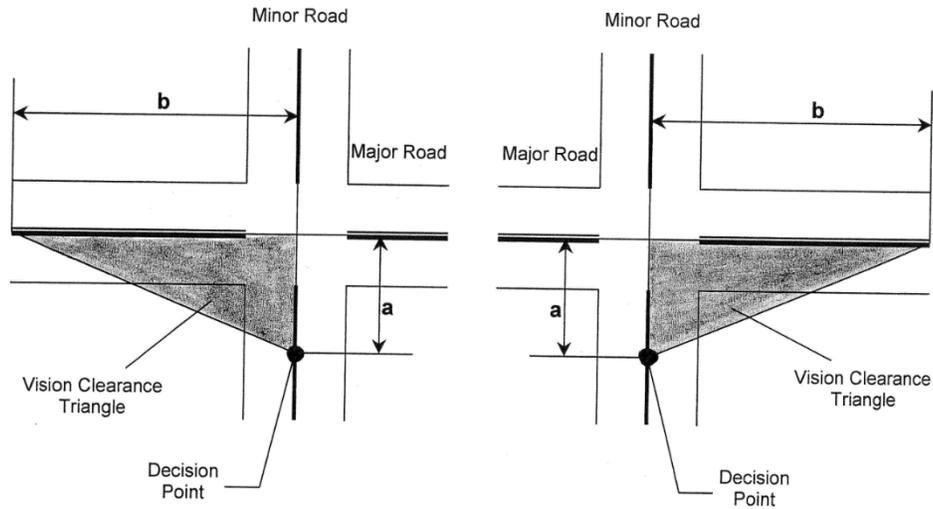
Fence: An artificially constructed barrier of any material or materials erected to enclose, screen, or decorate areas of land. Fences include walls, hedges, and earth berms meeting this definition.

Finished Side: Side of fence that does not include post and beam frame.

VISION CLEARANCE TRIANGLE

Within the triangular area located at the at grade intersection of a street and a railroad, a street and a driveway, or two streets when the minor street approach is under a stop condition and the major approach is uncontrolled, or where the street intersection is controlled by a traffic signal and right-turn-on-red is permitted. Solid fences, as defined herein, hedges, opaque landscaping or screening, walls, and other solid obstructions having a height of over two feet shall not be permitted.

The triangular area shall be formed by the centerlines of two intersecting streets, driveways, and/or a railroad and a straight line between these crossing centerlines as illustrated on the following illustration.



The following table shall be used to define the length of the (a) and (b) legs of the triangular area.

Design speed (Calculated as posted speed limit plus 5 mph)	Line "a"	Line "b"
30 mph	Behind the stop bar but not less than 18' from the edge of pavement, nor less than 12' behind a sidewalk or other pedestrian pathway	335 feet
35 mph		390 feet
40 mph		445 feet
45 mph		500 feet
50 mph		555 feet
55 mph		610 feet
60 mph		665 feet

Approved construction documents shall be available on site at all times. Alterations to the approved plans must be resubmitted to the Building Department in writing for review and approval prior to construction. Where conflicts between this guide and the code arise, the most restrictive code shall prevail.