

# Fences

*This handout is for informational purposes only.  
The provisions of the City's adopted codes prevail*



## **Document Submittal List**

- [Permit Application for Construction or Use.](#)
- One copy of the Plat of Survey with fence location clearly indicated.
- Description of fence materials, height, type, and illustration of proposed fence.
- A signed contract for fence installation. If fence will be installed by homeowner this is not required.
- Written letter of permission if attaching fence to a fence on adjoining property. Letter must be provided directly from adjoining property owner to the City.

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

## **General Information and Fees**

- A permit is required for the construction of a fence. This includes all artificially constructed barriers of any material erected to enclose, screen, or decorate areas of land.
- Repairs of existing gates and fences not exceeding 30% of the linear length of installed fencing do not require a permit. Repairs or replacement shall be fabricated with materials of the same style and dimensions.
- The application review period averages two weeks. The applicant will be contacted when the permit is ready for issuance and payment.
- If work commences prior to permit issuance the permit fee shall be doubled.
- 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).
- 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 180 consecutive days.
- Homeowners Association (HOA) approval may be required before commencing work. The issuance of a permit does not exempt HOA rules and regulations.
- 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).
- Fees: Building Permit      \$50.00

- The fees listed in this document are for general guidance and not necessarily comprehensive. Required utility upgrades, changes made to the approved permit, or items not mentioned will be assessed accordingly.
- Approved construction documents shall be available on site at all times.
- Alterations to the approved plans must be resubmitted to the Chief Code Official in writing for review and approval prior to construction.

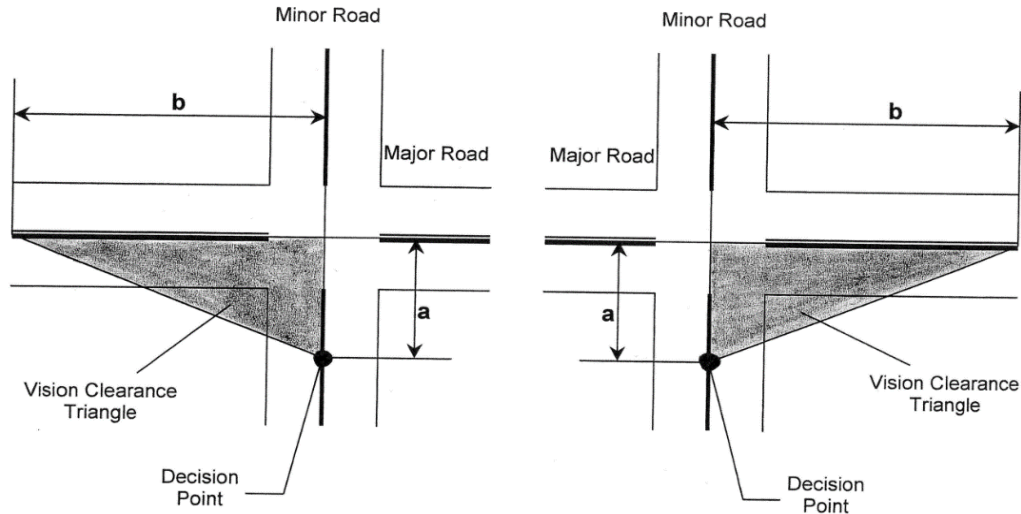
## **Fence Regulations**

- 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 fence 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.
- 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.
- Fences shall display the finished side (the side without post and beam frame) toward the adjacent properties.
- The minimum depth of the post holes should be 1/3 the height of the fence.
- 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.
- Fences are permitted in front yards, rear yards, and side yards.
- Fences may be placed up to but not on the property line.
- Fences may be attached to a neighbor's fence with the neighbor's written permission. A copy of the written permission must be submitted directly from the neighbor to the City.
- 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.
- Fences may encroach upon a utility or a drainage easement without blocking drainage. The City of Warrenton or any utility company that has legal rights to utilize said easement shall have the right to remove the fence as needed. 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.
- New barbed wire fences are not permitted.

## Vision Clearance Triangle

Within the triangular area located at grade level of the intersection of a street and a railroad, or 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, 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	