

FENCES



BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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Do I need a permit for a Fence?

No permits are required for construction of fences that are 7 feet in height or less. Fences great than 7 feet in height require City approval please call the Planning Department 952-446-1660

Fences may be located up to a property line. However if the fence is placed up to the lot line you may need to go on your neighbor's property for installation, repairs or maintenance. The fence may be placed several feet away your your property line if you desire to have the area for maintenance purposes.

If a fence is placed on the corner of a lot that abuts an intersection or abuts a street – Public Right – of – way- or the property is on the lake, contact the Planning Department to discuss sight line distance requirements. The fence will need to be placed or setback to allow for safe views and not block pedestrian or vehicular views at an intersection.

It is suggested to have a copy of the property survey prior to fence installation to indicate locations of the lot lines. The curb line is not the property line. The City has no architectural control standards for fences. Private covenants and restriction through a homeowner's association may prohibit fences or indicate some architectural controls. Should the City or a public service utility have to enter a drainage and utility easement, the City or service utility may not be responsible for replacement of the fence in all cases.

Contact Gopher State One Call at 651-454-0002 before you dig.