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INSPECTIONAL
SERVICES DIVISION
630-823-5860

VILLAGE OF HANOVER PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT

FENCES

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Application for Building Permit Required for Fences

Fence Requirements for Most Residential Properties:

1. Side or rear yard fences **made of wood, vinyl, or masonry** may be a maximum height of six (6) feet high. All other fence types, *including chain link*, may be a maximum height of five (5) feet high.
2. Only decorative fences (excluding chain link), may be in the front yard and shall not exceed three (3) feet in height.
3. All fences must be constructed on the property lines, except for corner side yard fencing (see #4 below).
4. For houses on **corner lots**, fences along the corner side yard and rear yard shall not be constructed beyond the front building line of the adjoining home (see attached drawing).
5. The fence must be constructed so that the finished side or sides face the neighboring property or public right-of-way.
6. Fence posts must be placed a minimum of **42 inches** into the ground, except that fence posts for 3 foot decorative or chain link fences need only have a 36 inch footing.
7. Fences are required around all swimming pools. (See Swimming Pool requirements)
8. Only one fence may be constructed per property line;
9. Barbed wire, chicken wire, hog wire, rope, cable and electrically charged wire are prohibited.
10. No slats are permitted on chain link fences.
11. All fence heights are measured from the grade to the top of the fence.
12. Fence posts may exceed the maximum permitted height of the fence by five (5) inches.

**“BACK TO BACK”
FENCES ARE
PROHIBITED**

Fence Requirements (continued)

13. Some special types of fences have different requirements. These are listed below:
- A patio privacy fence or trellis may be constructed only within the buildable area of the lot and may be a maximum height of six (6) feet high.
 - For a dog enclosure or run, the fence may be a maximum of six (6) feet in height, may enclose up to 20% of the rear yard, and must be set back ten (10) feet from all property lines.
 - Regulation size tennis courts are exempt from fence restrictions.
 - Guardrails shall only be installed along major right-of-ways in the Village, including Barrington, Irving Park Road, County Farm Road, Lake Street, Schick Road, Army Trail Road, and Greenbrook Boulevard. Other locations shall be subject to review and approval by the Director of Community Development.
Guardrails may be installed *outside* of a fence, but the guardrail shall be installed on private property. **In no case shall guardrails be installed on any part of the right-of-way**, with the exception of those installed by the State, the County (Cook or DuPage), or the Village. Guardrails shall be a maximum of three (3) feet high.

14. Any dirt from the fence post holes shall be removed or be placed around the buildable foundation or other area that will not interfere with storm water drainage. Village regulations prohibit the filling of drainage swales. If you have any questions on where to place the dirt, contact the Engineering Department at 630-823-5700.
15. Fences may be placed to avoid utility boxes and should be located to keep adequate clearance for utility box doors. **Contact the Fire Department's Inspectional Services Division if you have a utility box near the fence location.**

(DISCLAIMER: The Village of Hanover Park is not liable for the fence location. Owners should refer to a Plat of Survey prepared by a licensed Illinois land surveyor or have a surveyor determine lot line locations.)

Apply for a Building Permit

- Complete a Building Permit application.
- Submit two (2) copies of a current plat of survey (original if available) showing the proposed fence location and the fence type and height.
- If a contractor will build the fence, the contractor must be registered and bonded in the Village of Hanover Park. Include a copy of their proposal with the application.
- Call **J.U.L.I.E.** (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators) at 800-892-0123 for a dig number prior to obtaining a building permit.

Inspection Requirements

The Building Inspector will inspect the fence when the post holes are dug (prior to pouring concrete), and when the fence is complete.

To request an inspection, contact the Fire Department's Inspectional Services Division at 630-823-5860 **at least 24 hours in advance.**

NOTE: No work may begin on the fence until 48 hours after the permit is issued to allow the Village Engineer and Public Works Department to locate Village utilities on your property.



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