



GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Fencing shall be constructed with the finished or decorative side facing the adjacent or abutting property or public street. Fence posts shall be on the applicant's side of the fence.
- There is no required depth that the fence posts need to be. However, they need to withstand proper wind pressure of at least 30 pounds per square foot.
- Posts need not be poured in concrete.
- Barbed wire and electrified fences are prohibited in the Village of Shorewood.
- All fences shall be erected within the dimensions of the lot according to the survey.
- Proper placement of the fence is the responsibility of the property owner.
- **Chained linked fences are prohibited in commercial districts and front yards in residential districts.**

Before erecting a fence, call the Digger's Hotline at 414.259.1181.



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REGULATIONS FOR FENCE INSTALLATION OR REPLACEMENT

All newly installed or replacement fencing that extends 16 linear feet or more OR are constructed to a height of more than four feet shall require a building permit. Applications for a building permit are available in the Planning and Development Department at Village Hall, 3930 N. Murray Ave., or on Shorewood's website at www.villageofshorewood.org.

BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

A completed building permit application must be submitted along with a current copy of the property survey.

- A current copy of the property survey should show the exact location the fence will be erected on the property.
- A current survey is one that is not more than 10 years old. Older surveys may be used with approval by the building inspector. Check with the Planning and Development Department if a copy of a current survey is on file.
- Surveys may be done by a survey company. In some instances, adjacent surveys may be used to establish the lot line.



FENCE HEIGHT AND PLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS

- All fences erected or constructed in the front setback area (typically 25 feet from the front property line) as established under the provisions of Section 535-19E(S) of the Village Code shall be limited to a height of no more than four feet.
- All fences erected or constructed on corner lots shall be limited to four feet in height within the front and street side yard setback.
- Fences may be up to six feet in height if they are not placed within the setback area.
- All fences erected directly across from any garage in an alley, the width of which is 15 feet or less, shall be set back a minimum of three feet from the alley line.

- No fence shall be erected or constructed that exceeds a height of six feet.
- No fence more than four feet in height may be erected between adjoining properties when the fence parallels an existing residence and the distance between the fence and the residence on either property is less than six feet, garages not included.
- The height of a fence is determined by the measurements from the upper-most point of the fence to the existing adjacent ground level of the adjoining property.

What are setbacks? Setbacks are zoning requirements that stipulate areas within a parcel that may not be built upon. Setbacks begin at a property line. Each zoning district has different setback requirements. The Planning and Development Department can verify a property's setback requirements.

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