

## Does your fence meet the ———→

## Municipal Code's Fence Ordinance?

**Permit Required.** No fence shall be built, enlarged, altered or replaced within the Town unless a permit therefore is first obtained from the Building Official by the owner or his/her agent.

### *Fence Regulations General*

All fences placed on property zoned or used for residential purposes shall comply with the provisions of this section. The regulations contained herein shall be deemed to be in addition to regulations existing under the Town Zoning Ordinance and the Winnebago Co. shoreland zoning ordinance. (If applicable)

**Definition.** For the purpose of this ordinance a "fence" is herein defined as a linear structure constructed for aesthetics, as a visual barrier, and/or to control entry or exit into an area. Typical materials include, wood, concrete, metal, wire, masonry, stacked rocks, or logs; included are plantings such as hedges.

**Side and Rear Property Line Setback.** No fence shall be erected or planted along residential property lines with any portion closer than six (6) inches to the lot line unless adjoining property owners have consented in writing to install a fence on the property line.

**Front Yard Fences.** Fences including hedges or row planting in the first thirty (30) feet from the front property line shall not exceed four (4) feet in height, nor shall they be placed within the first two (2) feet from the front property line. Said fences shall be of minimum fifty (50) percent open type.

**Side and Rear Yard Fences.** Fences placed in the rear or side yard shall not be more than six (6) feet in height, except that hedges may be permitted to grow to a natural height of 10 feet, except where a side yard has an abutting street line, in which the planting or fence shall not exceed four (4) feet in height.

**Vision Corners.** No owner of any residential property or occupant of any residential property abutting a public street shall permit any fence on his/her property to be so placed and maintained as to obstruct the vision of a user of a street at its intersection with another street or public thoroughfare. The vision corner is described as a triangular area enclosed by a straight line connecting a point on each street right-of-way which point is thirty (30) feet from their intersection. Fences erected or allowed to exist upon said property in such vision corner shall not exceed two-and-a-half (2 ½) feet in height. Said fences shall be a minimum of two-thirds (2/3) open to vision equally distributed throughout the fence length and height located within the defined vision corner. Plantings in such vision corner shall be maintained in such a fashion as to provide unobstructed vision from two-and-a-half (2 ½) feet above the centerline elevation of the abutting pavement to ten (10) feet above the said centerline elevation. In the case of arterial streets intersecting with other arterial streets or railways, the corner cutoff distances establishing the triangular vision clearance space shall be increased to fifty (50) feet.

**Non-Corner Double Frontage.** On lots with double street frontage but not on a corner, fence structures shall conform to the front yard requirements of Section 13.47(3) for both streets, except where one street is officially designated "restricted access."

**Materials.** Barbed wire fences, electrical fences, spike or sharp picket fences, single, double and triple strand fences, or fences constructed of any other material that shall be deemed to create a nuisance or a hazard are hereby prohibited.

**Exceptions.** Protective fences and boundary fences on publicly owned lands or semipublic lands such as church, school education institutions, utility substations, etc. are excluded from the provisions of this section, except that where such fences incorporate the use of barbed wire such barbed wire shall not be less than seven (7) feet above ground level. Arms or extensions which project from the fence must project into the lot proper.

# FENCES



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## DOES YOUR PROPOSED FENCE MEET THE PLACEMENT AND HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS?

*Note:* Check your subdivision regulations through your subdivision association or Winnebago County Register of Deeds. The Village does NOT keep records of covenants.

### Placement and Height

Use the image to the right to help guide you. Letters lead you to the examples in the image.

- A fence may be erected up to 6 inches from the rear and side property lines (A), and at least 2 feet from the front (street) property line on non-corner lots (B). Corner lots' street side yard follow front yard restrictions.

*Note:* If you wish to place the fence on the side or rear property line, you must get written permission from your neighbor(s) stating that they will allow the fence on the property line and provide a copy for the Village.

- Fences may be prohibited within easements.** Be aware of any easements (public utility, drainage, etc.) located on your property.
- Front or side yard** fences within the first 30 feet of the street-side property line may be no higher than 4 feet and must be 50% open. (C)
- Rear or side yards** beyond 30 feet of the street-side property line may be no more (D)
- Side Yard on Corner Lot** fences can be 6 feet high *IF* located 15' from the property line. than 6 feet tall measured from grade. Fences can not be closer than two feet to a public road right-of-way or other property boundary line when adjoining a public pedestrian walkway. (E)
- Street intersection corners** must have a "Visible Triangle"; setbacks are dependent on lot size. Zoning Administer will help determine exact measurements. (F)

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## LOCATE YOUR PROPERTY LINES.

There may be metal stakes at each corner of your lot. Talk with your neighbors or use a metal detector. If you cannot locate your property lines yourself, you may need to hire a surveyor. *The Village does not provide this service.*

*Note:* The street yard setbacks begin at the property line not the pavement of the road.

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## CALL DIGGERS HOTLINE.

1-800-242-8511

Avoid rupturing underground utilities that you may not know are there. You may need to change the placement of your fence based on this information.

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## OBTAIN PERMIT APPLICATION.

Pick up an application at the Village building or download a copy from online at [www.foxcrossingwi.gov](http://www.foxcrossingwi.gov).

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## TURN IN YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION AND REQUIRED DRAWINGS TO THE VILLAGE BUILDING.

You will need to draw an 8.5"x11" drawing to show:

- Location of fence
- Fence's distance from all property lines
- Fence's distance from all other structure on property

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## PAY FEE & RECEIVE PERMIT.

Permit fees cover the cost of plan review and inspections. Staff will calculate the project's exact fee once drawing and permit application are approved. A fee schedule is available online at [www.foxcrossingwi.gov](http://www.foxcrossingwi.gov).

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## START THE WORK.

Once permit is issued, you may begin to build. Display permit where it can be seen from street for the duration of construction. Install fencing according to manufacture instructions.

