

## Does your fence meet the —→

## Municipal Code's Fence Ordinance?

**Permit Required.** No fence shall be built, enlarged, altered or replaced within the village unless a permit is first obtained from the Community Development Department by the owner or his/her agent. Temporary or removable fences do not require a permit. However, all setback and height requirements shall apply.

**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 Village Zoning Ordinance.

**Shoreland Area (adjacent to a lake or stream).** A fence shall not be located in a shore yard setback. Contact the Community Development Department for special fence requirements.

**Side and Rear Property Line Setback.** No fence shall be erected 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 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 fence shall be a minimum of fifty (50) percent open.

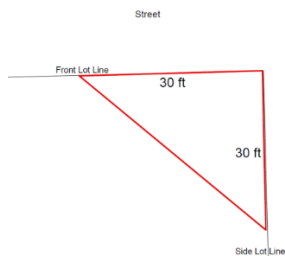
**Side and Rear Yard Fences.** Fences placed in the rear or side yard shall not be more than six (6) feet in height. Height shall be measured at the ground level of the yard.

**Materials.** A fence shall be constructed of building materials commonly used for fence construction in the region, except for those specifically prohibited in this section.

**Prohibited 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.

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

**Vision Clearance Triangle.** A triangle formed at the intersection of two streets or at the intersection of a street and a driveway within which the type and placement of structures, signs, and vegetation are controlled to ensure adequate sight distances for pedestrians and motorists.



(1) At the intersection of two public streets, the vision clearance triangle shall be formed by measuring 30 feet back from the point of intersection of the front and exterior side lot lines and connecting the points so to form a triangle on the area of the lot adjacent to the street intersection.

(2) At the intersection of a public street and a private accessway (except for single-family residential accessways), the sight triangle shall have sides of 15 feet along the accessway and 25 feet along the public street.

### Things to Consider Before Building Your Fence.

- All non-decorative posts, horizontal supports, cross-members, and the like shall be oriented inward to the lot on which the fence is located.
- It is the owner's responsibility to check their subdivision covenants. The village does not enforce HOA covenants.
- It is your responsibility to maintain your fence. Erecting a fence too close to a property line can make it hard to maintain both sides of the fence.
- Applicant is responsible for locating the fence on the intended property and ensuring that the fence does not encroach onto a public right-of-way or neighboring properties.
- If you cannot locate your property lines yourself, you may need to hire a surveyor. **The village does not**

# FENCES



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This brochure is a guide to the Village of Fox Crossing fencing ordinance for residential purposes. It does not include all provisions within the fencing ordinance.

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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 to 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 than 6 feet tall measured from ground level. (D)
- ☐ **Side Yard on Corner Lot** fences can be 6 feet high on one side IF located 15' from the property line. 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 "Vision Clearance 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 municipal building or download a copy at [www.foxcrossingwi.gov](http://www.foxcrossingwi.gov).

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**TURN IN YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION AND REQUIRED DRAWINGS AT THE VILLAGE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.**

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

- ☐ Location and height of fence
- ☐ Fence's distance from all property lines
- ☐ Fence's distance from all other structures 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.

