

Village of Hanna City

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Requirements for a Fence Application and Permit

Fence construction should enhance the public health, safety, comfort, morals, and welfare. It should not injure surrounding properties or impair the supply of light and air to adjacent properties.

Permits are required except for agricultural uses, repairs to less than 50% of an existing fence, and landscape or decorative fencing that is not intended to act as a barrier.

(ex. lattices, arbors, trellises, and open split rail fences if less than 48 inches and not more than 1/4 of the perimeter)

Design, Location, and Height Requirements:

Residential Districts (includes residential structures in Ag. districts)

Maximum height of 6 feet.

Only open fences (50% see through) can be constructed in a front setback past the front building line.

An open fence of a maximum height of 4 feet may be erected anywhere on the premise within 6 inches of the property lines.

On corner lots, solid fences must be erected 10 feet from the property line or 11 feet from the inner edge of the sidewalk, whichever is closer to the principal building.

Perimeter fences may be erected in the side and rear setback behind the front building line.

Perimeter fences must be within 6 inches of the property lines and only 1 fence is permitted along a shared property line.

Fences surrounding private swimming pools must meet requirements in Chapter 5 (4) D (4) of the Village Zoning code.

Nonresidential Districts

Maximum height is 8 feet.

Fences may be either open or solid.

Fences separating residential and nonresidential properties must meet buffering requirements (Sec 7-7).

Miscellaneous

Fences to screen parking lots must meet buffering requirements (Sec. 7-7).

Fences around recreational activities, such as a tennis court or baseball backstop, may exceed the height requirements upon the specific approval of the Zoning Administrator.

Communication support structures must have a perimeter fence unless the antenna is mounted on top of an existing structure.

General Construction and Maintenance Requirements:

_ All fence posts shall be buried in the ground to a depth of at least 1/3 of the total post length.

_ Alterations to the existing grade level preceding fence construction for the purpose of altering the fence height is not permitted.

_ Construction of the fence should not impede or alter the natural surface water drainage of the property or any adjoining properties.

_ Non-lead based paint should be used if fence is to be painted.

_ The finished side of all fences should face the street.

_ Fences should be maintained in good and sound condition.

_ Fences should not create a harborage for rodents.

Prohibited Fences:

_ Barbed wire, Electrical, or Spiked fences.

_ Fences with broken glass or other sharp points imbedded.

_ Any type that could result in injuries to persons climbing over such fences.

_ Fences leaning such that a 15 degree angle or more is produced when measured from the vertical.

Exceptions for Hazardous Fencing:

Agricultural uses

Public utility structures (at least 8 feet above grade level)

Communication support structures (at least 8 feet above grade level)

Penal institutions (at least 8 feet above grade level)

*** Special Circumstances***

At the Zoning Administrator's discretion, greater maximum fence requirements may be imposed due to an adverse impact to surrounding areas that would occur if the strict letter of these regulations were applied. Decision will be based on the standards that the taller fence will not alter the general character of the surrounding area.

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