



Residential Fence Regulations

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See entire Fencing Code here:

https://fridley.municipalcodeonline.com/book?type=ordinances#name=Chapter_634_Fencing

Pulling a Permit:

Property owners, or contractors on their behalf, wishing to construct a fence must first apply for and obtain a Zoning Permit from the City, which is done online. There is no charge. When ready to apply, go to:

FridleyMN.gov/ZoningPermits

General Fence Guidelines:

- **PROPERTY LINES** - Fences must be constructed entirely on your property. It is the responsibility of the property owner installing the fence to determine the location of the property line(s).
 - You can find your property lines by using a metal detector to locate the metal property survey pins/stakes located in the ground or by having a surveyor complete a survey of your property.
 - It is a good idea to leave enough room on the outside of your fence for maintenance of the fence without trespassing on your neighbor's property.
- **FENCE MATERIAL** - Every fence must be constructed in a substantial and sturdy manner and of a substantial material. Fences must be constructed of wood, metal, bricks, masonry, plastic or other materials designed for permanent outdoor fencing. Wood fences must be constructed of cedar, redwood or other decay resistant wood. Fences must not be constructed from razor wire, snow fencing, plywood, or materials intended for other purposes.
 - **GATES** - Consider future access to the fenced area. A double-gate or other access solution is encouraged for areas that will need to accommodate equipment for landscaping, tree removal, maintenance, or utility crews during the life of the fence.
- **INSTALLATION** - Fence installation, posts and supporting members - Fence elements must be permanently installed and constructed in a durable manner to secure the fence in a vertically level position. Fences must be installed so that fasteners, posts, and lateral supports are not on the side of the fence facing an adjacent property or public right-of-way, unless exposed on both sides.
- **LOCATE UTILITY LINES!** – At least 5 days before fence construction begins, you or your contractor must arrange for gas, electric, and water lines to be located on your property. This can be accomplished online at:
<https://www.gopherstateonecall.org/> or by dialing 811.



Residential Height Restrictions and Placement Guidelines:

- FRONT YARD - Fences within the front yard cannot exceed 30 inches if located within the vision safety zone. (see diagram).
- SIDE & REAR YARD - Residential fences within the side and rear yards cannot exceed 6 feet except as allowed by ordinance.
- CORNER LOT - Fences or landscaping on corner lots shall not impede vision within the Vision Safety Zone (see diagram) or cause a hazardous condition.

Definitions:

- FENCE - any structure or partition erected for the purpose of enclosing a piece of land, typically constructed of wood, iron or other material intended to prevent intrusion.
- FRONT YARD – The front yard on a corner lot is determined by the shortest lot line that abuts the street, unless otherwise determined by the Community Development Director.
- VISION SAFETY ZONE – The shaded triangle is where landscaping between 30 inches and 6 feet in height isn't allowed.

