

FENCES

Village of Flossmoor, Illinois
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Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 pm, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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THIS IS A LIST OF THE MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS REGARDING FENCES

Q. Do I need a permit?

A. Yes. The review time frame is 1-2 working days.

Q. How much will a permit for a fence cost?

A. \$100.00 – This includes review, permit and inspection.

Q. How do I apply for a fence permit?

A. Complete the fence permit application that is available at the Inspectional Services Department or on the Village of Flossmoor website. Attach a copy of a typical fence panel drawing to indicate the type of fencing material and height. Also, attach a copy of a current Plat of Survey showing the location of the proposed fence.

Q. Can I install the fence myself?

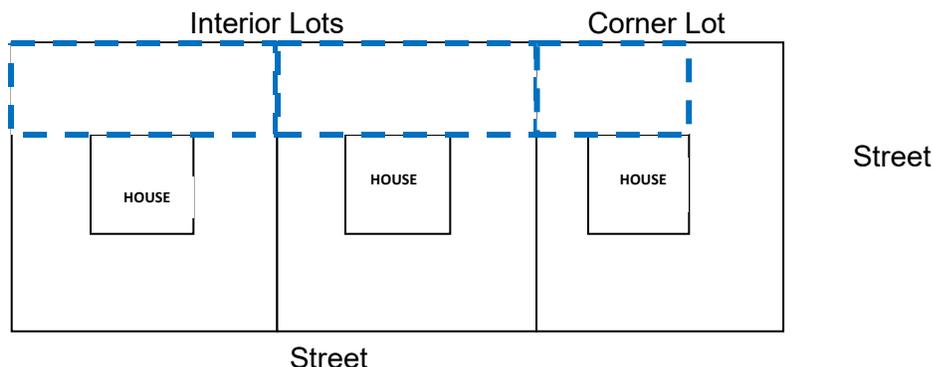
A. Yes; however, if you are hiring a contractor the contractor must have a \$10,000 Surety Bond on file with the Building Department.

Q. What is the height limit for a fence?

A. The total height of your fence may not exceed six (6) feet above the existing grade.

Q. Where can I put a fence in my yard?

A. Fences may be installed in the rear yard only. Fences are not permitted along the side of or in front of your house. Corner lots are often more restrictive as to where the fence can be placed. You may want to contact us before planning your fence location if you live on a corner lot.



Q. Are there any other restrictions regarding the placement of a fence?

- A. Fences placed within easements are subject to removal by utility maintenance workers if necessary to permit access for the purposes of installing, repairing, cleaning, replacing or rehabilitating utility or drainage facilities located or proposed within the easements. The Village or Utility Company is under no obligation to replace or repair such obstructions.

At locations where easements are crossed by fence installations, gates may be required to allow vehicular access.

Q. Are there restrictions if my property is located in a flood hazard area?

- A. Check with the Public Works Department while planning your project to see if your property is located in a flood hazard area. If so, there may be restrictions in placement and type of fencing material.

Q. What type of materials are permitted for a fence?

- A. Fences can be made of wood, aluminum, vinyl or wrought iron. Fences must be designed and constructed in a uniformly consistent manner and shall have a neat and finished appearance. No fence shall be constructed or maintained which is designed to or could cause bodily harm to a person or animal. All fences shall be installed so that the finished side is exposed to public view and all fence posts and supports face the interior of the property.

Q. What if I replace an existing fence that does not conform to existing regulations?

- A. As long as the non-conforming fence is still in place when you apply for the permit you may replace it. A replacement fence may have a greater degree of openness to vision, but not less. This means you can replace a chain link with another chain link but not with a solid wood fence.

No replacement fence can exceed the height of the prior nonconforming fence or the height limitation of six (6) feet, whichever is less.

To the extent the nonconformity relates to the location in the yard, no additional encroachment shall be permitted.

Q. Is a fence required around a swimming pool?

- A. No pools over 24" are allowed above ground. Inground swimming pools are only allowed by special use process. The Flossmoor Building Code does require a fence to surround the pool and it must be of a "non-climbable" type as an effective barrier to small children and be six feet (6'0") high. Gates shall be equipped with self-closing and self-latching hardware with key-locking devices placed at the top of the gate.

Q. Must I have the lot line identified?

- A. The only way to ensure that the fence is properly located on your property is to locate the lot corners with stakes or a reference line from corner to corner.

NOTE: The property owner is responsible for correct placement of structures upon a parcel of land to comply with the building and zoning laws.

PLEASE CALL J.U.L.I.E. AT 811 OR 1-800-892-0123 TO PLACE A UTILITY LOCATE REQUEST. THIS SHOULD BE DONE AT LEAST 3 DAYS PRIOR TO STARTING YOUR PROJECT. ONLINE REQUESTS CAN BE MADE AT <http://www.illinois1call.com>.