



**VILLAGE OF BEECHER**  
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## **FENCES**

This handout is for REFERENCE ONLY. For more details see specific code sections.

Fences may not extend beyond the midpoint of the foundation of the home, or interfere with the clear vision area at or near street intersections. Fences shall be constructed of attractive materials.

Subdivision covenants or homeowner's associations may either prohibit or have more restrictive requirements than Village ordinances. Please verify and submit approval letter from developer or homeowner's association along with your building permit application, (if you are subject to covenants).

### **FENCE REQUIREMENTS**

1. Maximum height for a fence is six (6) feet above existing ground.
2. Fences can be located on the property line. However, if installed on an easement and a utility company needs access to your property, they can remove your fence and not have to replace or repair it. If a fence is installed in an easement, it will be to the homeowner's own risk.
3. Privacy fences that will be placed perpendicular to drainage easements must be placed a minimum of six (6) inches above ground. Fence shall not block overland flood routes.
4. A swimming pool requires a minimum 48" (4 ft.) barrier of secure protection for public safety, per building code.

### **CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS**

1. Existing grade should not be altered. Excavated spoils will need to be removed from site.
2. Extreme care is to be taken to protect the existing utilities, pavement, curbs, sidewalks. Pavement, curb and sidewalk should be ramped or planked to avoid damage. Any damage done to Village property will be the responsibility of the homeowner to replace or repair.
3. All fencing shall be constructed so that the rough, unfinished side, and posts, if any, faces the owner's property that is erecting the fence.

### **TO APPLY FOR A PERMIT**

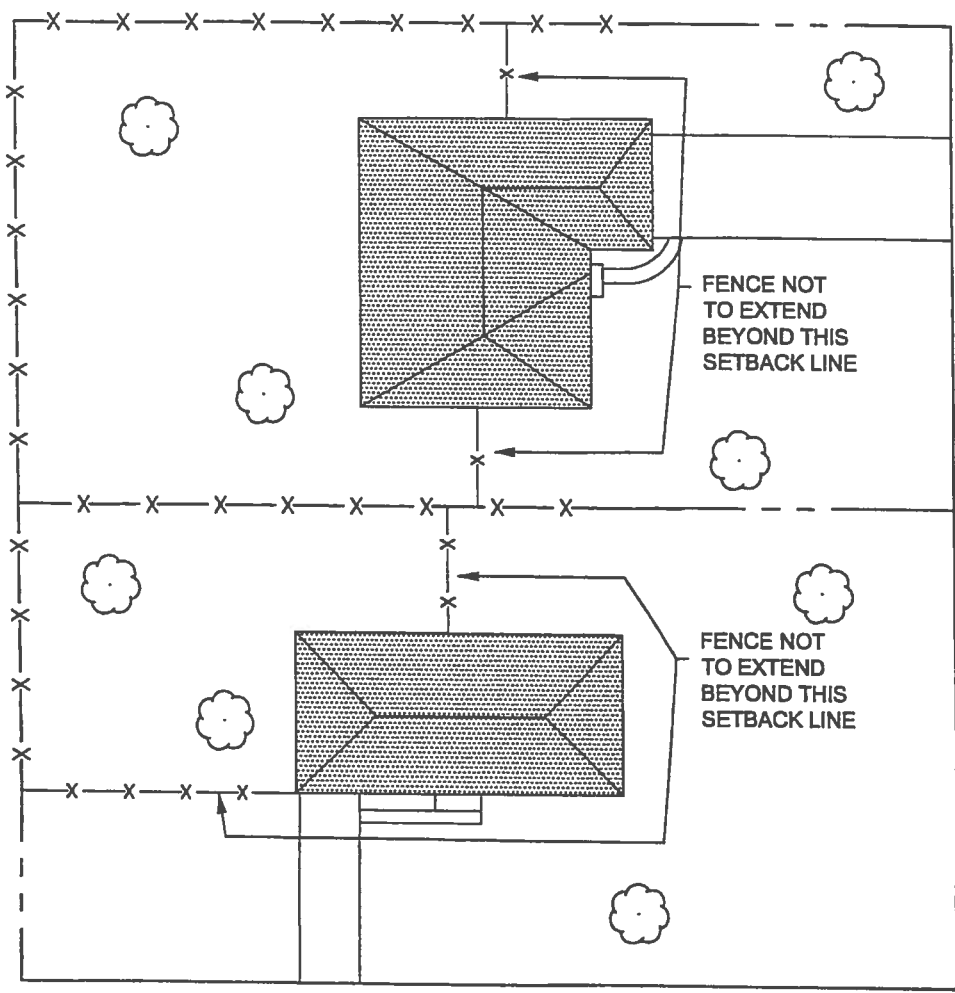
1. Complete permit application.
2. Submit a copy of the plat of survey showing the proposed fence location and the location of buildings.
3. Submit a picture or sketch of proposed fence and indicate type of materials to be used.
4. Provide a copy of proposal from contractor.
5. Contact J.U.L.I.E. (Utility Location Service) at 811 to locate underground utilities and to obtain dig number.
6. Submit approval letter from developer or homeowner's association, when applicable.

### **INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS**

1. The permit holder is responsible for scheduling inspections. The following inspections are required:
  - a. Post hole inspection, **BEFORE** placing any concrete, 42" minimum depth below grade;
  - b. Final inspection, when the fence installation is completed.

To schedule an inspection, please call SafeBuilt at 1-815-255-9047. Please have your permit number available.

**HOMEOWNER IS RESPONSIBLE TO FOLLOW ALL CODES AND ORDINANCES.**



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# FENCE LOCATION

SEE ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION 4.31 FENCES