

The following items are required for fencing;

- A permit is required. Apply on line at www.oak-park.us.
 - Exceptions: Repair or replacement of existing fencing in a single or cumulative area not exceeding 100 square feet.
- Contractors must be registered with the Village of Oak Park. A copy of their written proposal or contract must be submitted with the Application for Permit.
- A Plat map showing the location of the fencing to be installed &/or replaced is required.
- For structures located within a Historic District, product information and/or samples may need to be submitted for review. For information, contact the Village's Historic Preservationist at 708-358-5443.

The following are fence guidelines found in the Village Zoning Ordinance:

1. Fences for Residential Uses and H District

- a. For interior lots, fences located within 35 feet of a front lot line or closer to the front lot line than the existing building, whichever is less, must be open fences and cannot exceed five feet in height.
- b. For corner lots, fences located within 35 feet of the intersection of two intersecting street lines or closer to the intersection point than the existing building, whichever is less, must meet the following requirements:
 - i. Fences must be open fences and cannot exceed five feet in height.
 - ii. In addition, when boards are used as the surface material for such fences, the boards cannot exceed five inches in width and three-quarters of an inch in thickness, and must be installed vertically to form a flat and at least 50% open surface with no less than three and one-half inches of fence open space between each board.
- c. Fences located more than 35 feet from a front lot line or behind the front of an existing building and less than 15 feet from a corner side lot line cannot exceed six feet, in height, with the exception of fences authorized by Item e below.
- d. Fences located more than 35 feet from a front lot line or behind the front of an existing building and less than ten feet from a interior side lot line cannot exceed six feet in height, with the exception of fences authorized by Item e below. However, if a letter of consent by the owner of record of the adjacent property is filed with the Zoning Administrator, a fence may be erected to seven feet in height.
- e. Fences located less than ten feet from a rear lot line and parallel to such lot line cannot exceed eight feet in height.
- f. Fences for townhouse developments are subject to the following additional regulations:
 - i. Fences located along any front lot line of a townhouse development that are less than ten feet from the front lot line and parallel to such lot line is permitted up to eight feet in height without an open fence requirement, when such fence separates a street and a yard located along the front lot line, where the yard functions as a private yard for the townhouse unit.
 - ii. The materials used for the construction of a fence along the front lot line of a townhouse development must complement the development and require the specific approval of the Village through the fence permit process.



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iii. Fences separating such individual townhouse yards from each another cannot exceed seven feet in height.

2. Fences for Non-Residential Uses

- a. Fences located within 35 feet of a front lot line or closer to the front lot line than the existing building, whichever is less, must be open fences and cannot exceed five feet in height. However, open wire fencing and fences of wrought iron, steel or aluminum are permitted to a height of eight feet.
- b. Fences located more than 35 feet from a front lot line cannot exceed eight feet in height.

3. General Requirements for All Fences

- a. The height of a fence includes all gates and appurtenances.
- b. If an open wire fence is erected, it is preferred that the fence, including gates and appurtenances, be coated with black or brown vinyl coating. Chain link and open wire fencing is prohibited in the front yard and in any portion of the corner side yard that is forward of the front building line.
- c. If a fence of a greater height and/or is required to be a solid fence by any other section of this Ordinance or other Village ordinance, then such fence is permitted.
- d. All fences must be maintained in a non-deteriorated and rust-free condition. Posts must be set and maintained vertically.
- e. Barbed wire fences are prohibited.
- f. No spikes, nails, or any kind of pointed instrument may be installed on any railing, fence, guard, or other barrier or protection.
- g. Electrical fences or any kind of electrically charged fence are prohibited.

General Installation Requirements:

- All materials must be installed per the codes and manufacturer's installation instructions.
- Inspections maybe requested by the owner or contractor but are not required

ONLINE SERVICES to better serve you...

- Online Permit submittal is available
- Online Permit Status is available
- Online Inspection scheduling is available at www.oak-park.us

The permit process is a check and balance system that normally involves a designer, plans examiner, contractor, and inspector to ensure the best quality and safest construction possible. As much as the mentioned professionals attempt to achieve full code compliance and every effort has been made to identify all code deficiencies; a failure to identify a code deficiency during plan review &/or inspections does not alleviate any obligation to comply with all applicable code & regulatory provisions.

Approved / Stamped plans shall be on site at all times

Any changes to approved construction documents shall be resubmitted

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In general, nothing should be concealed unless a passing inspection has been issued
TO SCHEDULE AN INSPECTION CALL: 708-358-5430 or at www.oak-park.us