

Fence Installation Guidelines

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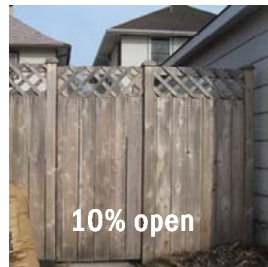
Fence installations are governed by ordinances of the Village of Oak Park. Variables such as height, location, material and percentage of openness are limited. If any proposed fence modifications will enclose a swimming pool, additional code restrictions beyond what are generally required may apply. Village Code can be viewed online at www.oak-park.us.

The following items must be submitted to apply for a permit to install or modify a fence:

- 1. Completed Building Permit Application with permit fee.** Any contractor listed on the Building Permit Application must be properly registered with the Building & Property Standards Department. To check the status of contractors' license and insurance, visit www.oak-park.us/onlineservices.
- 2. Copy of the property's plat of survey marked to show the location and key characteristics of any new or modified fence work.** Each section of fence with different characteristics must be labeled appropriately. Swimming pools and hot tubs must be shown.

The following fence characteristics should be noted:

- **Height.** Designs of varying height must note the highest portion.
- **Material.** These may include wood, plastic or metal.
- **Gate location and swing.** Gates may not swing over public property.
- **Open percentage.** See examples below.



Upon submission of these items, the application will be reviewed for compliance. If compliant, a permit will be issued. If not compliant, modifications to the design will need to be made and the application resubmitted.

In addition, Illinois requires property owners to call JULIE to locate underground utilities before digging – call 1.800.892.0123 or 811. Information also is posted at www.illinois1call.com.

For more information on installing or modifying a fence in Oak Park, call 708.358.5430 or e-mail building@oak-park.us.