

FENCE PERMIT

Permit Fee: \$40.00

Please be advised that a building permit is required for the installation and/or replacement of a fence. To apply for a building permit for a fence, you will need:

⇒ **Building permit application form**

- The current fence ordinance (see reverse) allows a fence up to eight (8) feet in height in the rear yard area, and a fence up to 36 inches in height in the front yard
- Where driveways intersect sidewalks or the street, the maximum height is 30 inches*

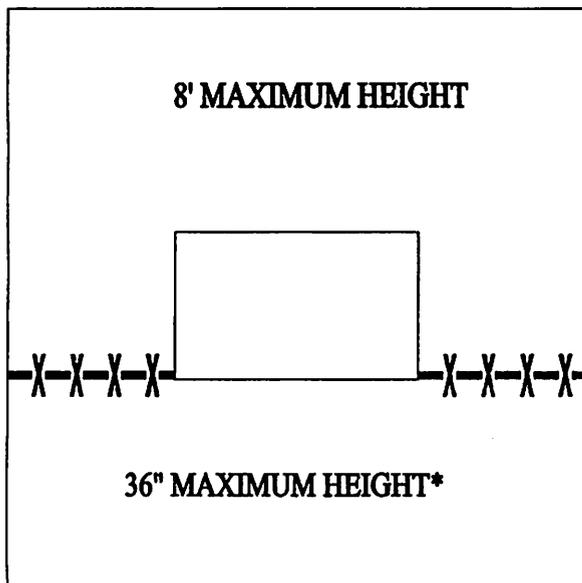
⇒ **Plat of survey** showing where the fence will be located

⇒ **Proposal** from the fence company (if applicable). The homeowner must either sign the contractor's proposal or the building permit application form. A waiver is available for homeowner's doing the work themselves.

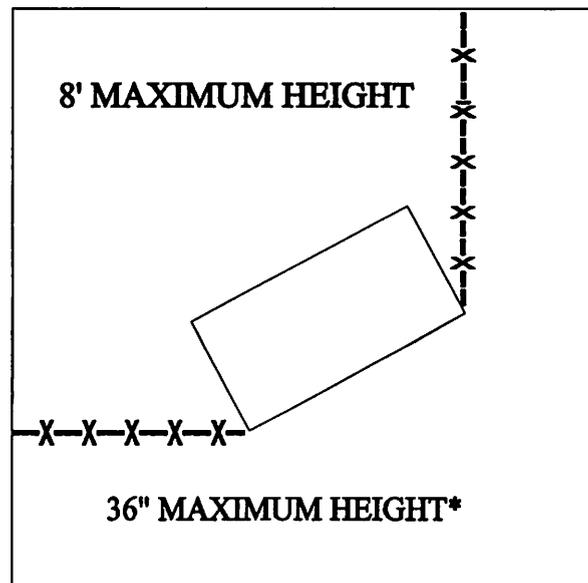
- **REMEMBER:** All contractors are required to be licensed by the Village of Park Forest

⇒ **Permit Fee** of \$40.00

INTERIOR LOT



CORNER LOT



DIVISION 4. FENCES LOCATED ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

Sec. 18-351. Definitions.

(a) The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Decorative fence means a wall or partition that does not cause an enclosure through the use of materials placed less than six inches apart and does not extend over more than 50 percent of the frontage of any lot or exceed 36 inches in height.

Fence means a structure, wall or partition erected for the purpose of enclosing a parcel of land and not a decorative fence.

Living fence means a row or hedge of bushes or shrubs.

(b) For purposes of this division, all other words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in section 118-7 of the village zoning ordinance.

(Code 1966, § 16-40)

Cross references: Definitions generally, § 1-2.

Sec. 18-352. Restrictions.

(a) No fence shall be permitted in any front yard of a dwelling unit or along the front lot line of any vacant lot in a residential area, other than a living fence or decorative fence with a height not in excess of 36 inches.

(b) No fence or living fence shall be permitted in any side yard or rear yard of any dwelling unit that exceeds eight feet in height or extends beyond the front wall of the dwelling unit. Side yard fences that extend beyond the front wall of the dwelling unit shall not exceed 36 inches in height. For a corner lot, a fence or living fence less than eight feet shall be permitted in the side yard as defined in section 118-7 of the village zoning ordinance, but may extend to the front wall of the dwelling unit, as shown in illustrations 1, 2 and 3 at the end of this section.

(c) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b) of this section, in order to ensure vision clearance, no fence, living fence or decorative fence shall be permitted on any corner lot in excess of 30 inches in height above the elevation of the nearest adjacent curb, in an area bound by the street curblines, or pavement edge if no curbs exist, and a line connecting the curblines or pavement edges and drawn through points on the front lot lines 25 feet from their point of intersection. For corner lots having rounded property corners, the point of intersection of front property lines shall be established by extension of tangents thereto.

(d) Notwithstanding subsection (c) of this section, in order to ensure vision clearance, no fence, living fence or decorative fence shall be permitted in excess of 30 inches in height at the intersection of every driveway with a street in an area bounded by the driveway curb, or driveway pavement edge if no curb exists, the front property line, and a line connecting the driveway curb or pavement edge and the front property line drawn from points a distance of 25 feet from the point of intersection of the driveway curb and front property line, which fence, decorative fence or living fence substantially impedes vision. For rounded property lines and curvilinear driveways, the point of intersection of the front property line and driveway curb or pavement edge shall be established by extension of tangents thereto.

(e) All permitted living fences shall be properly maintained and trimmed and not permitted to extend over an adjacent sidewalk or property line.

(f) The limitations on fences, decorative fences and living fences imposed by subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall not apply and fences and living fences not to exceed a maximum height of eight feet shall be permitted at the following locations:

- (1) Residential lots zoned as R-1B;
- (2) Any front yard property line that borders property zoned as a planned commercial district; a planned office, research and light industrial district; or industrial district; and
- (3) Any front yard property line that borders a parcel of real estate for which a conditional use has been approved.

Decorative Fence or Living Fence (Code 1966, § 16-41)

Sec. 18-353. Fence permit required.

No fence or decorative fence shall be erected without a fence permit issued by the building commissioner. The application for a fence permit shall include a plot plan of the location of the proposed fence and a description of the height and type of fence or wall to be erected. The building commissioner may require such additional information as is necessary to determine compliance with this Code. No fee shall be charged for any fence permit issued in accordance with the requirements of this division.

(Code 1966, § 16-42)

Sec. 18-354. Existing nonconforming fences.

Any fence, decorative fence or living fence located in a yard of residential property as of October 1, 1988 which does not conform to subsections 18-352(a) and (b) shall not be replaced, but shall be permitted to stand until such time such fence, decorative fence or living fence does not comply with the requirements of section 18-290. All other nonconforming fences, decorative fences or living fences pursuant to subsections 18-352(c) and (d) shall be removed or altered in such a way as to bring such fence, decorative fence or living fence into compliance, upon notice from the building commissioner.

(Code 1966, § 16-43)