

FENCES

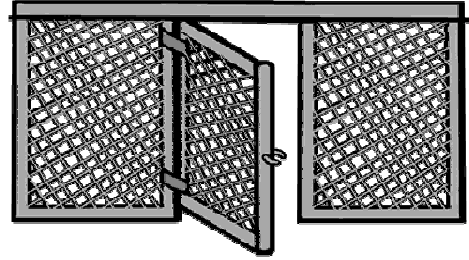


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NO PERMIT REQUIRED FOR FENCES

Fences are regulated by the Maple Grove Zoning Ordinance. For additional information or question, please contact the Community Development Department at 763-494-6040.

LOCATION

All fences should be located within your property.

CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

1. Every fence shall be constructed in a professional, workmanlike manner.
2. Chain link fences, wherever permitted, shall be constructed in such a manner that no barbed ends shall be at the top.
3. Electric fences shall only be permitted in the "R-A" District when related to farming and on farms in other districts when related to farming, but not as boundary fences.

RESIDENTIAL FENCES

In all parts of Maple Grove zoned residential and not a farm, fences no more than six (6) feet in height may be erected or maintained on a lot subject to the following:

- 1) No fence on a corner lot shall be erected within the triangular area described below:
"Traffic Visibility: On corner lots in all districts, no structure or planting in excess of thirty (30) inches above the street center line grade shall be permitted within a triangular area defined as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the projected property lines of two intersecting streets, thirty (30) feet along one property line and diagonally to a point thirty (30) feet from the point of beginning on the other property line."
- 2) No fence may extend closer to the street than the front yard setback line, except as follows:
 - (a) Decorative fencing is allowed in the front yard if no higher than three and one-half (3 ½) feet and not designed as an enclosure. Decorative fencing includes

such things as split rail, picket, and brick fences, but not such things as chain-link fences.

(b) A fence may be placed in the front yard of a corner lot which abuts an arterial street, but not within the triangular area described above under "Traffic Visibility".

3) Shoreline district fences or fences which are located within any portion of the seventy-five (75) foot lakeshore setback. Fences constructed within the lakeshore setback area shall not exceed five (5) feet in height and maintain a see-through visibility equal to that of a chain-link type fence. All fence materials must be treated so as to blend with the natural surroundings, i.e. brown or green in color.

4) A minimum of one four-foot wide gate is required for accessibility to the rear yard from the front yard. The location of the gate must be parallel to the front lot line positioned at any point paralleling the front lot line, between the side lot property line and the principle structure.

6) Every fence shall be maintained in a condition of reasonable repair and shall not be allowed to become and remain in a condition of disrepair or danger, or constitute a nuisance. Any fence that is, or has become, dangerous to the public safety, health, or welfare, is a public nuisance and the Zoning Administrator shall commence proper proceedings.

It should be noted that protective covenants on a lot might have different location and design requirements. Covenants are not enforced by the City of Maple Grove. Contact your homeowners association regarding rules specific to your property.