



City of Eagan

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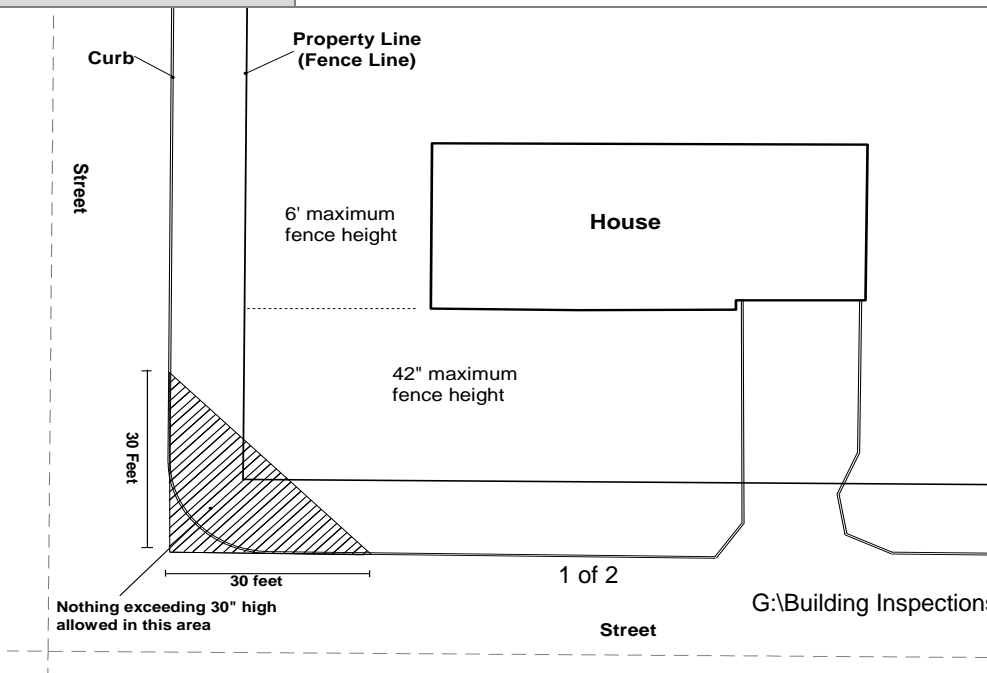


FENCES

This handout is written only as a guide; it is not intended nor shall it be considered a complete set of requirements. Information sheets are available at the City's Building Inspections Division or on www.cityofeagan.com.

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG. Call **Gopher State One Call** at (651) 454-0002 for protection against underground utility damage. Call 48 hours before you intend to dig to receive locates of underground utilities. www.gopherstateonecall.org

Required Permits	A Zoning Permit is required for residential fences. A Building Permit is required for commercial fences.
Height	The City requires a maximum height of six feet (6') for residential property and a maximum of eight feet (8') for commercial property. Fences that extend into front or side yards must not impair traffic visibility or exceed forty two inches (42") in height.
Installation	The finished side of all fences shall face away from the fence owner's lot.
Property Lines & Setbacks	It is the responsibility of the homeowner to determine property lines prior to installing a fence. All portions of a fence, including the footings, must be installed inside the property line.
Easements	A fence may be allowed in an easement. Please contact the Engineering Department at (651) 675-5646 regarding easements before the installation of your fence.
Boulevard	Contact the City of Eagan's Engineering Department at (651) 675-5646 regarding boulevard widths (see diagram below).
Maintenance	See reverse side.
Covenants	The City of Eagan does not enforce covenants; however, you should contact the Dakota County Government Center at (651) 437-3191 to find out if there are covenants regulating fencing in your subdivision.



Construction and Maintenance

- Every fence shall be maintained in accordance with the building and structure safety and appearance regulations noted below.
- No **temporary fence**, such as a snow fence or an erosion control fence, shall be permitted on any property for a period in excess of thirty (30) days unless otherwise approved by the City for good cause.
- **Above ground electric boundary fences** shall be permitted only in the Agriculture (A) district when the property is an active farm.
- The finished side of all fences shall face away from the fence owner's lot.

Residential District Fences

In parts of the City that are zoned residential, boundary fences shall be subject to the following requirements:

- Fences on all corner lots erected within thirty feet (30') of the intersecting curb line shall be subject to traffic visibility requirements noted below.
- In side or rear yards, fences shall not exceed a maximum height of six feet (6').
- In front yards, fences shall not exceed forty-two inches (42") in height.
- Barbed wire fences shall be permitted only in non-residential zoning districts.

Commercial District Fences

In parts of the City that are zoned commercial, boundary fences shall be subject to the following requirements:

- Property line fences within all business and industrial districts shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height, except by Conditional Use Permit.

Traffic Visibility

- On all corner lots in all districts, no structure or planting in excess of thirty (30) inches above the abutting curb line shall be permitted within a triangular area defined as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the project curb lines of two intersecting streets, thence thirty (30) feet along one curb diagonally to a point 30 feet from the point of beginning of the other curb line, thence to the point of beginning.

Building and Structure Appearance and Maintenance Requirements

For purpose of this section, "fence" means any structure, wall, or gate erected as a permanent dividing marker, partition, visual or physical barrier, or enclosure, excluding any permitted temporary fence, within a parcel of land regardless if the parcel is platted or unplatted.

Any fence is a public nuisance if it does not comply with the following requirements:

- The fence shall be firmly fastened and anchored in order that it is not leaning or otherwise in the stage of collapse.
- The fence shall be maintained in sound and good repair and free from deterioration, loose or rotting pieces, or holes, breaks, or gaps not otherwise intended in the original design of the fence. The fence shall be free from any defects or condition which makes the fence hazardous.
- All exterior wood surfaces of any fence, other than decay resistant woods, shall be protected from the elements by paint or other protective surface covering or treatment, which shall be maintained in good repair to provide the intended protection from the elements.
- No fence section shall have peeling, cracked, chipped or otherwise deteriorated surface finish, including but not limited to: paint or other protective covering or treatment, on more than twenty percent (20%) of any one linear ten-foot (10') section of the fence.