



Fences in Residential Districts

Permit Required

- A completed fence permit application with a scaled site plan and application fee of \$25.00 should be submitted to the City of Mendota Heights and approved prior to installation of any fence.

Exception: Temporary fences installed to surround a hockey or skating rink shall not require a fence permit during the winter season. Fences shall be 4' or less in height, and shall be removed no later than March 31 of each year.

Height and Location

- Front Yard: Fences may be installed to a height not exceeding 36" extending across front yards or along that portion of the side lot line equal to the required front yard setback.
- Interior Lot Line: Fences up to and including 6' in height may be erected on interior lot lines behind the front yard setback line and on rear lot lines.
- Rear Yard: Should the rear lot line be common with the side lot line of an abutting lot, that portion of the rear lot line equal to the required front yard setback of the abutting lot may be fenced to a height of not more than 36".
- Gates: When a gate is proposed to obstruct access to a driveway in a yard abutting a street or other public right of way, a conditional use permit is required.
- All fences shall be located entirely upon the private property of the party constructing the fence unless the owner of the property adjoining agrees in writing that such fence may be erected on the division line of the respective properties.
- No fence shall be installed in a location that would hinder the fire department from gaining immediate access.

Construction

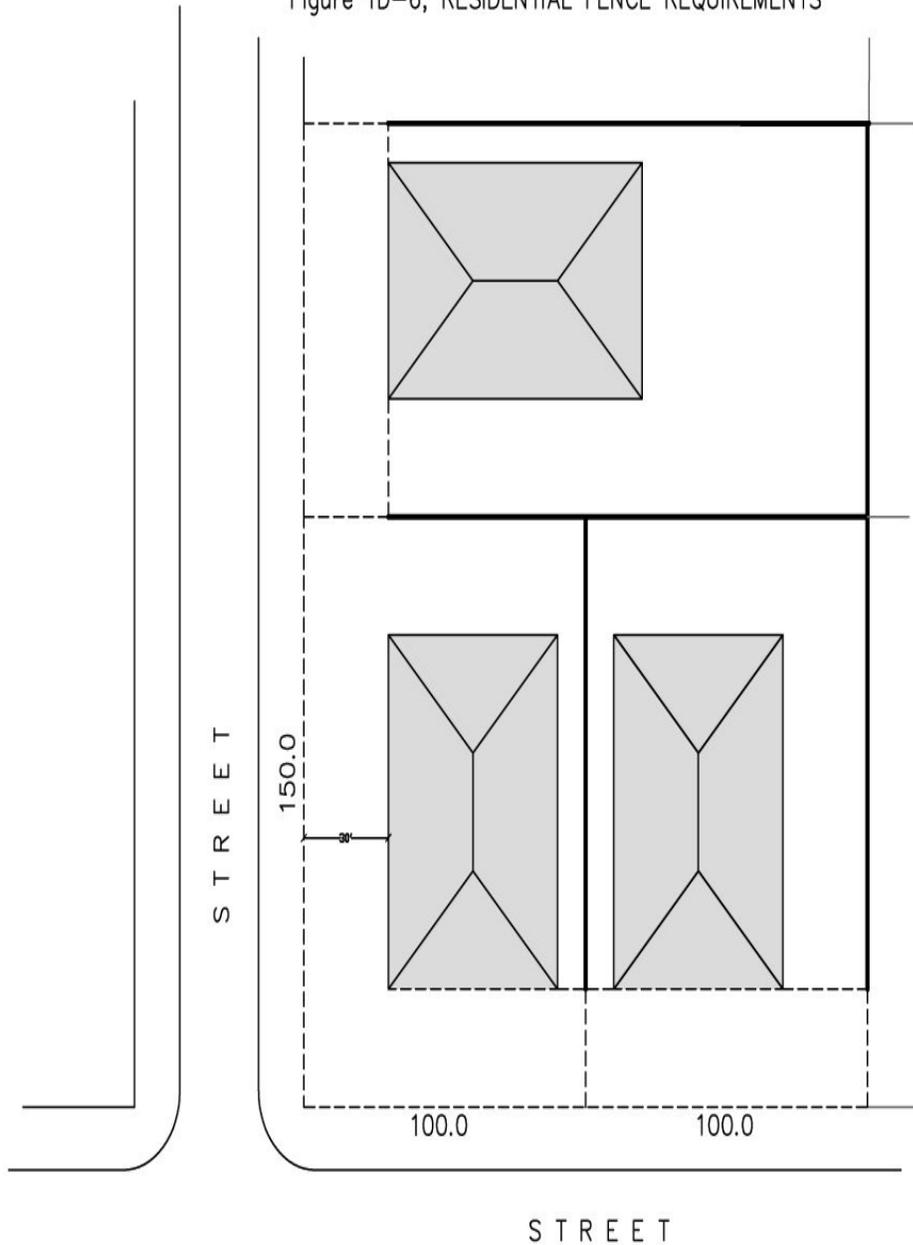
- All fences, except those constructed on an industrially zoned property abutting a residentially zoned property, shall be constructed in such a manner that no less than 30% of the plane between the ground and the top of the fence is open. Fences on industrially zoned property abutting residentially zoned property shall be erected along the property line and are allowed to be 100% opaque and 6' in height.
- Face Side: That side of the fence considered to be the face (side opposite the post) shall face abutting property or the street or other public right of way.
- Height: Fence height shall be measured at a point 6" below the top of the supporting posts. No fence or material between posts shall be permitted to be greater in height than the highest post on either side of said fence material.
- Chain Link Fences: Chain link fences used for the enclosure of tennis courts shall not exceed 10' in height and shall not be located within the required front yard. Chain link fences shall be constructed so that there are no barbed ends at the top.

Maintenance

- Every fence shall be constructed in a workmanlike manner with substantial materials suitable for fences. Every fence shall not be allowed to become in a condition of disrepair or constitute a nuisance. The requirement for maintenance shall be an ongoing obligation of the fence owner to ensure that the fence continues to look as attractive as at the time of its construction.
- Any fence which is in disrepair or has become dangerous to the public safety, health or welfare is a public nuisance and the code enforcement officer shall commence proper proceedings for its abatement.

Call the City of Mendota Heights' Department of Building Safety at 651 452 1850 if you have questions or to request a permit (8:00-4:30 M-F).

Figure 1D-6, RESIDENTIAL FENCE REQUIREMENTS



NOTES:

- Written authorization required from all owners of properties include a common boundary line fence.
- Conditional Use Permit (CUP) required if gate proposed to obstruct access to a driveway or R.O.W.

— Maximum 6 feet in height

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