

The Village is fortunate to have a rich natural diversity of properties that include waterfront, ravines, and open spaces. Many residents have selected this area to live based on a desire to enjoy these natural surroundings and this feeling of open space. A fence can be in contradiction to this desire and can have an impact on neighboring properties

All fences are subject to review by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) *prior* to construction.

PERMIT REQUIRED

A permit is required for all permanent fences exceeding two feet in height.

Fence repairs or replacement projects that change the height, footprint, style, or construction materials of the fence will be considered a new fence and requires Architectural Review Committee approval.

Fence replacement or repair projects that do not change the height, footprint, style, or construction materials of the fence do not need Architectural Review Committee approval.

CHECK FOR UNDERGROUND CABLES & PIPES

Contact Diggers Hotline at least three business days before you dig to mark the location of buried utilities on your property! **(800) 242-8851**

RESOURCES

- [Architectural Review Committee Application](#)
- [WI Uniform Permit Application](#)
- [Diggers Hotline](#) (800) 242-8511
- [Fee schedule](#)
- [Municipal Code](#) for fences

PERMIT PROCESS

You can obtain the ARC Application from Village Hall or from our website. Payment for the application and permits are due at the time of submittal.

The deadline for the ARC application is two weeks preceding the meeting date at 10:00am.

Include the following when submitting to the Architectural Review Committee:

- [Architectural Review Committee Application](#) and application fee.
- Property Survey – Mark on the survey the proposed location of the fence.
- Picture of the proposed of fence – Provide samples or brochures showing material, colors, and design of the fence.
- [Building permit](#) – Fill out the building permit including estimated cost, print and sign your name, date, and submit payment.

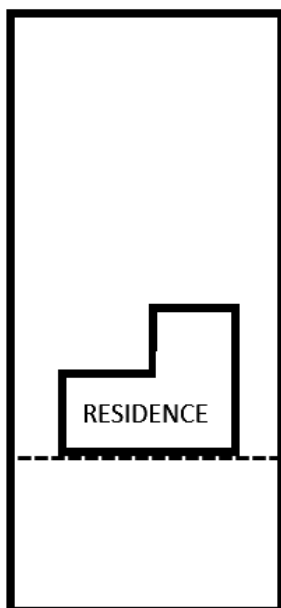
It is important that homeowners discuss their fence project with neighbors before submitting plans to avoid potential conflicts and to identify concerns.

Upon receipt of an application for a fence permit, the Village will send notice of such application to all abutting property owners. The notice will invite each neighbor to register reasoned approval or disapproval of the application as submitted.

Please see reverse side for a list of what is allowable and prohibited for fences.

ALLOWED

- Permitted fences shall be constructed with at least a 25% open design.
- Solid fences must have at least a 25% open design within the fence height. The total horizontal linear length of a solid fence is not to exceed 15% of the total linear feet of the perimeter of the property.
- The side of the fence facing neighboring properties shall always be a finished and not structural side of the fence. If a fence style contains posts on one side, the more finished side shall face the neighboring property.
- Wood fences shall be unfinished, stained, or oiled and allowed to weather naturally to blend into the landscape. Other finishes may be acceptable but are subject to review and approval.
- Fences may incorporate no more than two trellises or arbors that may be no wider than 4 feet and no taller than 8 feet.



Fences constructed in the rear elevation of the home, or behind the forward most point of the adjacent structures, shall not exceed 6 feet in height.

EXCEPT when adjacent to an active railroad property, state/ county highway, or commercial parking lot, in which case it shall not exceed 8 feet in height.

Fences constructed within the front yard of a home shall not exceed 3 feet in height

PROHIBITED

- No barbed wire, wire mesh, above-ground electrically charged fence, or chain-link (cyclone) fences shall be allowed except in the case of chain-link fences to enclose tennis courts, sports fields, school yards, or municipal properties.
- Fences required for dangerous animals need special approval from the Architectural Review Committee regarding material, screening, location, and type of metal fence required for security purposes.
- In no event shall the total horizontal linear footage of fencing on any property exceed 50% of the total linear footage of the perimeter of the property.
- No fences shall be constructed that will unreasonably obstruct neighbors' views or detract the neighbors' enjoyment of the natural settings.
- No fence, hedge, or other screening device shall be constructed or planted in the right-of-way or where it impedes traffic safety.

CODE REQUIREMENTS

Building Permit: Authorizes you/your contractor to proceed with the project. Ensures that a project plan complies with code and is inspected to ensure it meets code.

Property Lines: A property survey identifies property lines with a written description of the property, the street address, and the location of buildings. If a certified survey map is not with your mortgage papers, call Village Hall (414) 206-3915 to review the file. You may need to hire a surveyor.