



Fence Permits

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All fences being installed in the Village of Fontana require a building & zoning permit.

No such permit will be issued until a site plan has been reviewed by the Building Official.

The site plan must detail the location of the proposed fence, the lot size and setbacks, public and private right-of-ways, and any easements and/or deed restrictions.

Construction plans must detail the height of the fence, materials used, and overall style and or design of the proposed fence.

Property owners failing to obtain proper permits prior to the installation of a fence are subject to fines and other penalties.

A Final Inspection is required. An as-built survey may also be required for verification of placement.

Fencing Standards/Restrictions: Reference - Sec. 18-166.

- (a) **Purpose.** The purpose of this section is to regulate the materials, location, height and maintenance of fencing, landscaping walls and decorative posts in order to prevent the creation of nuisances and to promote the general welfare of the public. Within this section, the term "fence" shall mean fencing and decorative posts.
- (b) **Materials.** Acceptable materials for constructing fencing include wood, stone, brick, wrought iron, and chain link. No fence may be constructed, in whole or in part, of barbed wire, nor shall any portion of any fence be electrified. Any fence within a street yard, including along property lines which intersect a right-of-way, and any fence in excess of four feet in height, shall be a minimum 40 percent open, or no more than 60 percent opaque.
- (c) **Location.** Fences are permitted anywhere on a lot but no fence shall be located closer than four feet to the front property line or street right-of-way, whichever is closest to the primary structure. No fence shall be permitted within the minimum shoreyard setback as set forth in this article. Fences may be located on any property line abutting a side or rear yard setback. Any and all fences shall be erected and constructed so as to locate visible supports and other structural components toward the subject property.
- (d) **Maximum height.** Fences shall not in any case exceed a height of six feet. Furthermore, fences shall not exceed four feet in height within the setback area, except with the granting of a conditional use permit per section 18-246.
- (e) **Temporary fencing.** Temporary fencing may be permitted on a case-by-case basis, as approved by the building inspector, and shall be permitted for no more than 180 consecutive days per calendar year.
- (f) **Snow fencing.** The use of fences for the purpose of limiting snow drifting shall be permitted as temporary fences only and shall only be erected and maintained between November 1 and April 1 of each calendar year.
- (g) **Maintenance.** Any and all fences shall be maintained in a structurally sound and attractive manner.

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