

REGULATIONS FOR FENCES IN ALL ZONING DISTRICTS

- Fences must be constructed in a workmanship-like manner
- Horizontal and vertical support posts are inside of the fence area or otherwise hidden from both the neighbor's and general public's view. Fences with a shadowbox design shall be considered to hide support posts.
- No more than two different types of fencing material (wood and chainlink or two types of wood) are permitted.
- No fence shall be made of, in whole or in part, cloth, canvas or other like material.
- Property owners shall be responsible for the maintenance of the fencing on their property, and for removal of any fence if it becomes unsightly or a menace to public safety, health or welfare.
- Fences shall be maintained in an upright condition.
- Missing boards, pickets or posts shall be replaced within 45 days with material of the same type and quality.
- Fences designed for painting or similar surface finishes shall be maintained in their original condition as designed. All exposed steel, except the galvanized metal fences, shall have a colored finished coat applied to them and be preserved against rust and corrosion.
- Customary fencing around tennis courts and other recreational amenities shall be exempt from height restrictions but shall comply in all other respects with the terms of this section.
- Fences for pools shall meet the requirements of this section as well as all other applicable regulations of the City.

- Fences or enclosures charged with, or designed to be charged with, electrical current are prohibited.
- It shall be the responsibility of the property owner to insure that a fence does not block or obstruct the flow of storm water.
- A permit is required for the construction or replacement of fences.
- Slatted, chainlink fencing is prohibited in all zoning districts.

REGULATIONS FOR FENCES IN RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS

- Maximum height of a fence in a rear or side yard is seven (7) feet.
- Maximum height in a front yard is four (4) feet.
- Barbed wire, single-strand wire, wire mesh, wire grid or chicken wire fences along the perimeter or boundary of a property in a residential district is not permitted.
- Chain link fencing is prohibited within any required front yard.
- Corner and double frontage lots have two front yards, by definition. The above requirements for fences in a required front yard apply to both front yards on a corner lot. On a double frontage lot, as defined in Section 400.050, fences or walls of no more than a height of seven (7) feet may project into the yard space at the rear of the building, provided no portion of the frontage along the same street where the fence is proposed to be located, is utilized as the principal entrance for the main building of any lot in the block.
- Fences constructed within a required front yard on the side of a property used as a

principal entrance to the building shall comply with the following:

1. The design, color and material of the fence shall be complementary or shall match the principal structure on the property.
 2. Sight proof fences are not allowed in the required front yard. The fence shall have open spacing defined as the space between pickets is greater than or equal to the width of the pickets.
- Fences constructed within a required front yard on the side of a property **not** used as a principal entrance to the building on the lot shall comply with the following (corner lot homes):
 1. Fences shall be set back from the property line at least ten (10) feet.
 2. The fence shall comply with §400.540 "Corner Visibility".

REGULATIONS FOR FENCES IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICTS

- Maximum height of a fence is eight (8) feet, except as required for junk yards in §400.450(A).
- Barbed wire shall be permitted only if the lowest strand is at least seven (7) feet above grade, and when used for security purposes in addition to a regular fence.

PLEASE NOTE:

Fences located within an easement may require additional approvals.

This brochure is one in a series designed to provide information on various regulations administered and enforced by the Department of Community Development of the City of St. Charles. The purpose of these brochures is to provide citizens with basic, easy-to-use information regarding City codes and services. Topics covered in this series of brochures include:

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- *Sign Guidelines*
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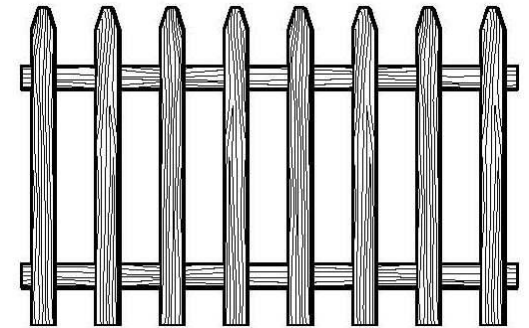


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