



Fences, Walls, Driveway Gates, Architectural Screening Devices & Arbors

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

Permit & Review Requirements

A building permit is required for any new fence, wall, driveway gate, architectural screening device, or arbor and subject to review by the Architectural Review Committee.

Temporary fences greater than 30 linear feet require a building permit and are reviewed by the Architectural Review Committee.

If an existing fence, wall, architectural screening device, driveway gate, or arbor is substantially destroyed or becomes deteriorated, it may be replaced or reconstructed in the same:

- location
- height
- material(s)

by first obtaining a building permit but does not need Architectural Review Committee approval.

Municipal Code Sec. 104-125

Permit Information

The following elements are required prior to installation of a fence, wall, driveway gate, architectural screening device, or arbor.

- Building Permit - form must be filled out and submitted to Village Hall, either electronically, by mail, or in person. Payment must also be submitted.
- Property Survey - either a survey from a licensed surveyor or Geographic Information Systems (GIS) image of the property may be used. Shall show the location of the proposed project in relation to property lines and the main structure on the property.
- Architectural Review Committee Packet - forms must be filled out and submitted to Village Hall, either electronically, by mail, or in person. Payment must also be submitted.

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

Upon receipt of an application, the Village will send notice to all abutting property owners. The notice will inform each property of the ARC meeting should they wish to attend or make comments on the proposed project.



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Construction Standards

The following requirements apply to all fences, walls, architectural screening devices, driveway gates, and arbors constructed in the Village.

- The "finished" side shall face the neighboring property.
- New fences are required to have a minimum of four-foot footings.
- May be permitted up to the lot line in the side and rear yards not to exceed a height of six feet.
- Arbors shall not exceed a height of eight feet or project forward of the front line of the principal building.

Temporary Fences

No temporary fences less than 30 linear feet shall be erected and left in place for more than 14 days without obtaining permission from the Village Manager.

No temporary fence shall be installed for a period exceeding 90 days.

Temporary fences greater than 30 linear feet shall be reviewed by the ARC prior to receiving a building permit and being installed.

Prohibitions

No fence, wall, architectural screening device, driveway gate, or arbor may be constructed in a street right-of-way or impede traffic visibility.

No fence shall be constructed of barbed wire, electric wire, chicken wire, or double or trible strand wire.

No fence, wall, architectural screening device, or arbor shall project forward from the front line of the principal building.

Fence Aesthetics

- Fences shall be at least 50% open.
- Solid fences shall not exceed 30 total linear feet and be, at minimum, 10 feet away from property lines.
 - (exceptions Sec. 104-125 (a)h(i))
- Fences shall be constructed of wood or other wood-simulated natural-appearing materials, wrought iron, or other metal materials to obtain an aesthetically pleasing appearance.

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