



RESIDENTIAL FENCE PERMITS

VILLAGE OF LOMBARD | COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Questions please email Permits@villageoflombard.org or call 630-620-5750 X 1

This handout was developed to identify the basic requirements and assist you with your fence permits. The guidelines provided herein are by no means all-inclusive, but they do identify the most critical items that are involved in this type of project.

PERMIT REQUIRED: **YES** PERMIT FEE: **\$75**

REQUIRED INSPECTIONS: POST HOLE INSPECTION **Minimum depth for post holes is 36 inches below grade.**

REFERENCED VILLAGE CODE SECTION: **SEC. 155.205**

HOW TO APPLY FOR A PERMIT

Residents and contractors are encouraged to apply for permits through the Village's online permitting portal at: PERMITS@VILLAGEOFLOMBARD.ORG/ONLINEPERMITS

ONLINE PORTAL APPLICATION PROCESS:

- Create a username and password
- Apply for a Residential permit (select fence)
- Upload required documents (pdf file format preferred):
 - **Plat of survey**, marked to show location(s) where fence will be installed, height of fence, and fence materials (wood, vinyl, chain link., etc.)
 - **Copy of fence contractor's agreement** (if available)

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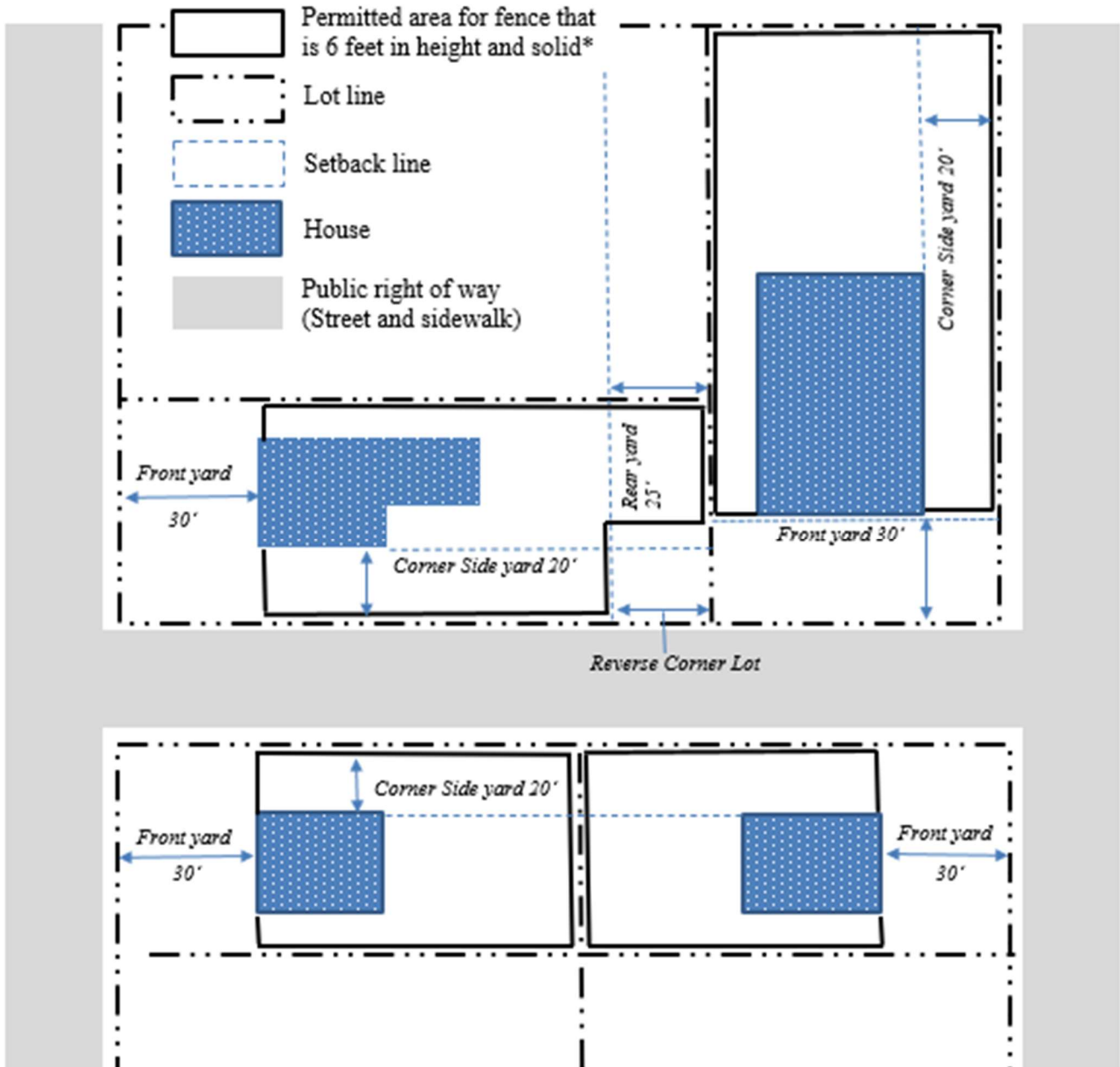
MATERIALS:

- Chain links are not allowed in the front or corner side yards.
- Electrified fences are not allowed
- Fences and walls are limited to masonry; wood, chemically treated or naturally resistant to decay; wood composites; vinyl/PVC; wrought iron or aluminum; and chain link where permitted.
- In the required front and corner side yards, the decorative or finished side of the fence shall face the adjacent property or street. In all other instances, the property owner may determine the fence orientation.

FENCE HEIGHT AND LOCATION IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS:

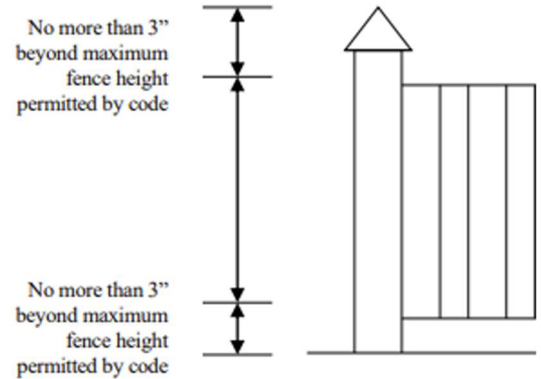
- Fences in residential districts shall not exceed 6 feet in height, except as noted below.
- Where a residential district abuts a railroad right-of-way or a property in a business, office or industrial district, the fence along the property line adjoining the railroad right-of-way or non-residential district may be up to 8 feet in height.
- Fences in required front yards shall not exceed 4 feet in height.
- Fences in rear yards that abut the front yard of an adjacent lot shall not exceed 4 feet in height.

PERMITTED LOCATIONS FOR 6-FOOT TALL FENCES ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY:



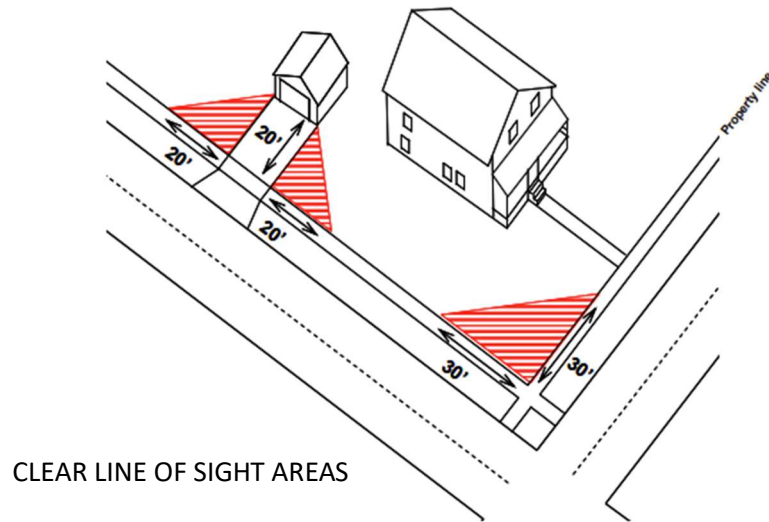
FENCE HEIGHT CONTINUED:

Maximum fence height shall be permitted to vary by up to three inches to allow for grade changes; clearance under fences for maintenance, footers or other obstacles customary to the use intended to be fenced; or reasonable human error. Fence posts or decorative finials may not cause the fence to exceed the maximum height limitation by more than three inches.



FENCES IN THE CLEAR LINE OF SIGHT:

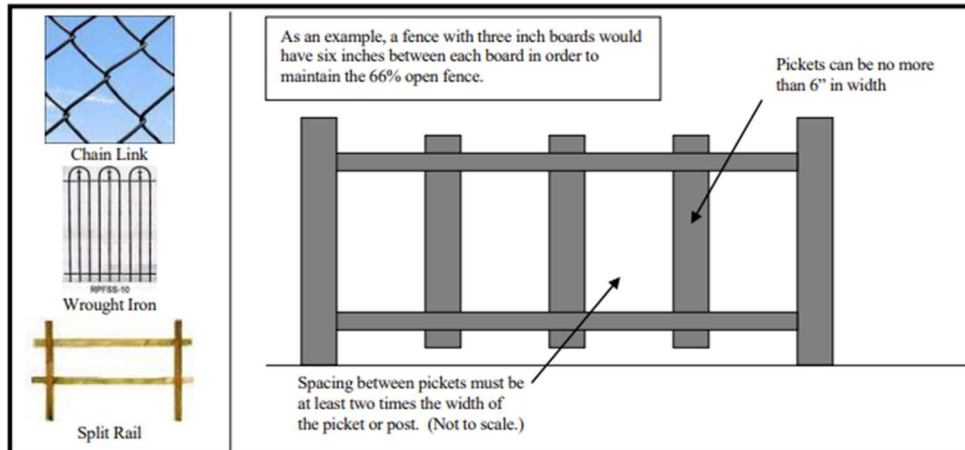
The clear line of sight area is a triangular-shaped area at the intersection of two rights-of-way, and at the intersection of a driveway and a right-of-way. The purpose of a clear line of sight area is to preserve good visibility at intersections.



CLEAR LINE OF SIGHT AREAS

In the clear line of sight area, solid-construction fences can be a maximum of 2 feet in height. If the fence is of open construction (at least 66% open), such as split rail, wrought iron, or chain link without slats, the fence must meet the regular height requirement. Supporting members can be no more than 6" in width.

OPEN CONSTRUCTION FENCES:



SAFETY BARRIERS (POOL):

Where new or replacement fencing serves as the safety barrier around a pool or hot tub/spa, the fencing must comply with all relevant regulations for safety barriers.

305.2.1 Barrier height and clearances.

Barrier heights and clearances shall be in accordance with all of the following:

- The top of the barrier shall not be less than 48 in. above grade where measured on the side of the barrier that faces away from the pool or spa. Such height shall exist around the entire perimeter of the barrier and for a distance of 3 ft. measured horizontally from the outside of the required barrier.
- The vertical clearance between grade and the bottom of the barrier shall not exceed 2 in. for grade surfaces that are not solid, such as grass or gravel, where measured on the side of the barrier that faces away from the pool or spa.
- The vertical clearance between a surface below the barrier to a solid surface, such as concrete, and the bottom of the required barrier shall not exceed 4 in. when measured on the side of the required barrier that faces away from the pool or spa.
- Where the top of the pool or spa structure is above grade, the barrier shall be installed on grade or shall be mounted on top of the pool or spa structure. Where the barrier is mounted on the top of the pool or spa, the vertical clearance between the top of the pool or spa and the bottom of the barrier shall not exceed 4 in.
- For questions on these regulations, contact the Building Division at 630-620-5750.

EASEMENTS:

Fences can be installed along a property line and within easements. However, if a property owner installs a fence in a utility easement, the utility company must still have access to that easement.

The utility company has a right to remove the fence and does not have to replace it or pay to have it replaced. Before digging post holes, contact JULIE (call 811, or illinois1call.com) for identifying utility locations. Additionally, fences installed in drainage easements must be installed so that they do not block drainage flow.