



# RESIDENTIAL FENCES

BUILDING INSPECTIONS DIVISION:

217/424-2787

## I. Permit Required

- A. Except as otherwise provided within the City Zoning Ordinance, it shall be unlawful to erect, construct, reconstruct, enlarge or structurally modify a fence without first obtaining a building permit.

## II. Restrictions

- A. Restrictions shall apply to R-1, R-2, R-3, R-5, R-6, and PMR zoning districts.
- B. No fence in any zoning district shall be constructed at a height greater than (3 ½) feet above the established street grade within the vision clearance triangle nor shall any fence limit the clear sight of vehicular traffic.
- C. Barbed wire, razor wire, electrical fencing, spiked railing or any guard or barricade to which there is attached any pointed instrument, device of any kind, designed, intended or liable to injure any person coming in contact therewith shall be prohibited.
- D. Fences may be located on the property line provided that any post or other stabilizing apparatus shall be located within the property lines of the owner of the fence and shall have the finished side facing outward away from the fenced area.
- E. No fence exceeding four (4) feet in height, measured from surrounding grade to the highest point on the fence, shall be constructed or erected in the front yard, including any front yard beyond the required front yard setback.
- F. The location of the front door or entrance of a home or main structure shall determine the front yard for purposes of constructing or erecting a fence in a residential district.
- G. No fence exceeding six (6) feet in height, measured from surrounding grade to the highest point on the fence, shall be constructed or erected in any rear or side yard. Excepting side or rear yards adjacent to an R-6, O-1, B-1, B-2, B-3, M-1, M-2, M-3, PD, and PMR Districts which may be built to a height up to eight (8) feet.

## III. Drawing

- A. A drawing will need to be completed on the reverse side which clearly shows the location of the fence and the main structure on the property.
- B. You must present a copy of the recorded subdivision plat for your property. It can be obtained at the Macon County Recorder of Deeds, 141 S. Main St., Decatur, IL, 62523.
- C. The applicant (or property owner) is responsible for identifying property lines. The City takes no responsibility nor will they act as mediator for property line disputes.

## IV. Commercial & Industrial Fences

Reference the City's Zoning Ordinance XXXIV.

## V. Permit Fee

.5% of Project Value, minimum \$50

## VI. Inspections

Inspection requests should be scheduled 24 hours prior to the needed inspection.

Project Address \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

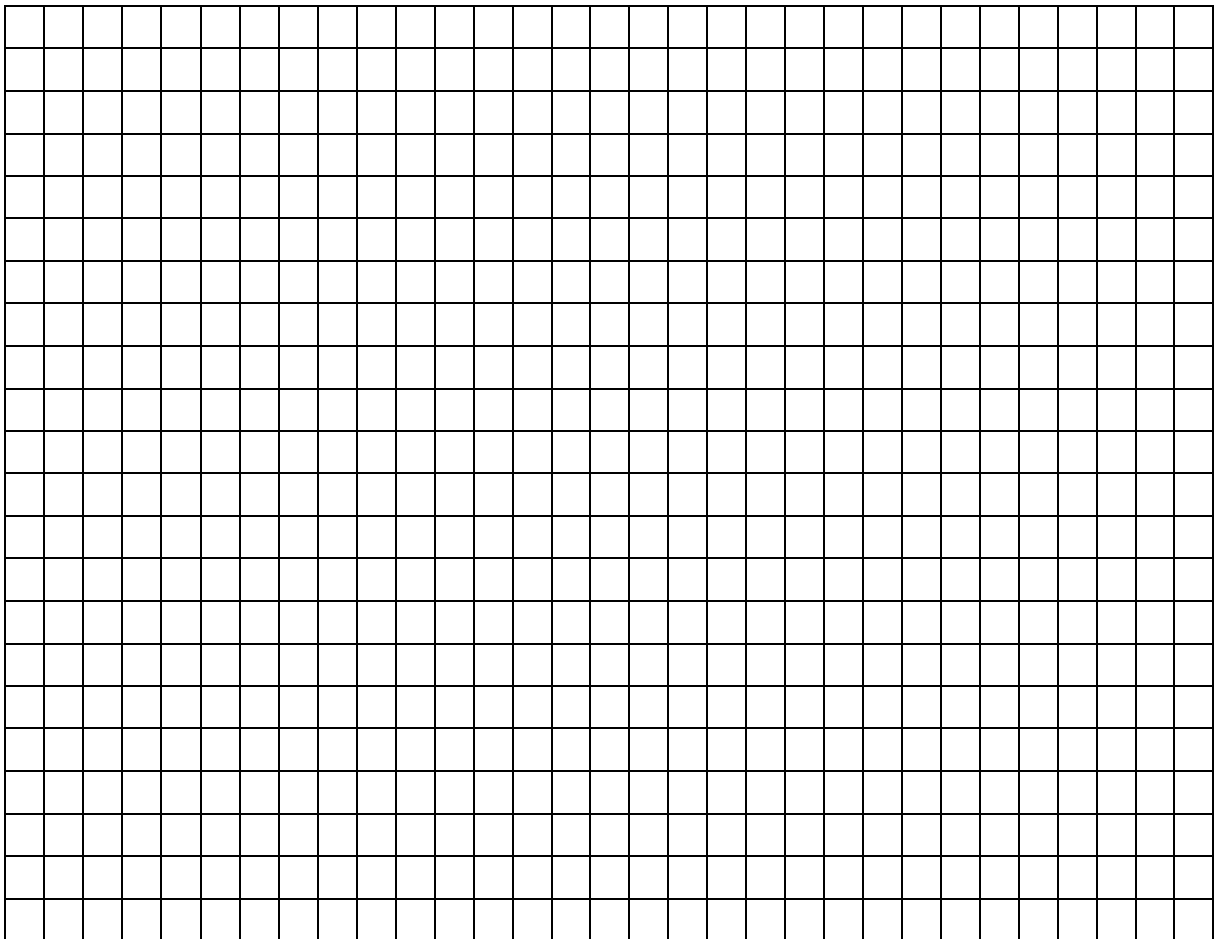
Height of the fence? \_\_\_\_\_ Fence material? \_\_\_\_\_

Cost of Project \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Rear Property Line**



**Front Property Line**