



CITY OF BONDURANT

FENCE PERMIT

INTRODUCTION: *Before you begin construction of a fence, it is very important that you become familiar with the City of Bondurant building and zoning regulations. The regulations exist for your protection and they are inspected for your benefit. Confirming property lines, buried utilities, easements, restrictive covenants, or association requirements are strictly the responsibility of the owner and/or contractor. It is advised that the affected neighbor(s) be consulted if the fence will be placed right on the property line; or if two or more fences will be joined structurally. Please allow 5 working days for processing of a permit application. Following review of the application and payment of fees, a permit will be issued and work may begin.*

FENCES, WALLS, AND PLANTINGS.

- Permit required. No person shall erect, alter or relocate any fence, wall or other vision barrier without first obtaining a building permit along with a fee of \$30.00
- Front and side yard adjacent to a street shall be considered front yards and shall not exceed 48-inches in height. On **corner lots**, fences that exceed 48-inches in height if open chain link and 42-inches in height for all other fence materials shall conform to principal building setback requirements. In **side and rear yards**, opaque and/or solid fences or walls shall not exceed 6 feet in height in residential or 10 feet in height in a commercial or industrial district. The fence shall stop 1 foot from the sidewalk or is no more than 1 foot from the front property lines (Ordinance 05-211).
- Every fence hereafter erected shall be done in the following manner: posts, supporting rails and other such supporting elements when located shall be on and face the property on which the fence is located.
- All fences shall adhere to the requirements for visibility at intersections.
- No fence shall be constructed within four feet of an alley right-of-way.
- Provide 3 feet of space around an electrical transformer in your yard to allow maintenance. Allow 10ft in front of transformer door.
- No hedge, landscape planting or other vegetation shall be permitted which impedes vision greater than fifty percent of an imaginary plane, perpendicular to the street, extending the full depth of the front yard and vertically from a height of 42 inches to 10 feet.
- Fences placed in a drainage easement must not inhibit the flow of water. The fence, wall or hedge shall be raised at least 3-inches about the ground.
- No person shall place, construct or maintain, or cause to be placed, constructed or maintained of any electrical or barbed wire fence on residential zoned land unless on 10 acres or more of agriculture land.

VISIBILITY AT INTERSECTIONS. No fence, wall, shrubbery, earthen berm, sign, billboard, or other obstruction to vision shall be permitted which serves to obstruct vision between a height of 2 ½ feet and 10 feet on any corner lot within a triangle of 30 feet formed by intersecting street right-of-way lines, or in the case of interior lots within a triangle of 25 feet formed by intersecting driveway edge and right-of-way lines.

IOWA ONE CALL 1-800-292-8989 or 811 provides contractors, homeowners, and others who may excavate, dig or trench will locate and mark underground facilities. Iowa law states that if you are excavating, including digging, you must call Iowa One Call at least 48 hours in advance (of your digging) in order to minimize the risk or damaging any type of underground facilities (electric, gas, telecommunications, cable television, water, and sewer).

Additional information and further explanation may be obtained by contacting Veenstra & Kimm at 515-225-8000.