All fences being installed in the City of Wood River require a building permit.

No such permit will be issued until a site plan has been reviewed by the Administrator.

The site plan must detail the location of the proposed fence, its height, the lot size and setbacks, and whether such lot is located on a corner.

Property owners failing to obtain a building permit prior to the installation of a fence are subject to fines and other penalties.

Basic flat fee of $20.00 for permit, due upon issuance of permit.

Restrictions

- Fences shall not exceed (6) feet in residential areas and may not exceed (4) feet when they extend beyond the front building line of the residence.

- For the purpose of minimizing traffic hazards at street intersections, the triangular portion of corner lots that is bounded by the street lines at points on the street lines which are 30 feet from the intersection, shall be considered a restricted area. (Owner may request a variance).

- Fences may be installed along lot lines, but may not be constructed on any public street or alley right-of-way.

- All fences shall be maintained to protect the natural integrity of the fence, and shall be removed by order of the Administrator if not properly maintained.

- No barbed wire, electrically charged, or sharp-pointed fences may be erected in residential areas.

- Only fences which are constructed of materials considered compatible with the character of the neighborhood will be allowed.

- Fences shall not obstruct the natural flow of drainage.

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