

FENCE INFORMATION SHEET

Height

Residential front yard fences are limited to a height of four feet (4') and rear and side yard fences are limited to a height of six feet (6') above the natural grade. The front yard is measured from the building line/foundation of the residence toward the street.

Residential front yard fences shall be 50% open, decorative-type fencing; i.e., split rail, wrought iron, picket. Chain-link type and privacy fencing; i.e., stockade, is prohibited in front yards.

Side and rear yard fences are limited to a six foot (6') height.

Permits

Permits are required for all fence-type structures, including arbors and/or trellises used as fences. Work authorized under a fence permit shall be completed within 180 days following the date of issuance.

Applications are available in the Department of Community Development and Inspections, 625 52nd Street, Room 100, Kenosha, Wisconsin. Fence rules and regulations are specified on the application. The fence permit fee is \$60.00.

Location

The property owner is responsible for locating property lines. The owner may hire a licensed land surveyor to survey the property and place official markers on the boundary lines. The City of Kenosha does not perform this service nor provide legal advice related to boundary line disputes. Fences must not encroach on adjacent properties. Fences located adjacent to public sidewalks shall maintain a six inch (6") setback.

Fences installed on lots with a double frontage shall be installed in accordance with the required front yard setback on both streets.

Utilities

A three foot (3') setback shall be maintained from any utility pedestal on or abutting the property.

The marking of underground cables and wires in utility easements must be done prior to digging post holes. The marking is a free service and is arranged by contacting Digger's Hotline at 1.800.242.8511.

Contact WE Energies customer service at 1.800.242.9137 to discuss utility easement issues prior to constructing the fence.

Vision Clearance Triangle

A fifteen foot (15') vision clearance triangle is required for all fences *over three feet (3') in height* located along roadways, alleys, and driveway areas. (See illustration on reverse side of sheet)

Supplemental Information

- All structural and support components of a fence shall face away from adjacent properties.
- Fences shall be installed with the finished side facing the adjacent property or public right-of-way.
- Barbed wire fences are prohibited in residential and business districts.
- For retaining walls that are two feet (2') or greater in height, a fence is required atop of the wall.
- Fencing located atop a retaining wall, berm or other methods to raise the elevation of the site shall require a preliminary inspection.

Swimming Pools

Pools and hot tubs with depths of 24" to 48" are required to be surrounded by a fence at least four feet (4') high, and located no closer than four feet (4') to the outside wall of the pool or hot tub. (For more information, see the brochure in Department of Community Development and Inspections, Room 100, on swimming pools and hot tubs.)

What is a Vision Clearance Triangle?

A triangular area on a lot which abuts two streets, a street and an alley, driveway or other roadway. Distance is measured from the corner which intersects the property and aforementioned roadway for a fifteen foot (15') length.

