



Village of Jones Creek

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Residential Fence Permits

When is a permit needed? A permit is required for a new fence, replacing the posts, changing the height, or moving a fence from its current location.

What are the requirements for a Residential Fences?

Front Yard Requirements – The front yard may be fenced with a fence no taller than five feet with a transparency view of at least fifty percent. No vegetation shall be allowed to grow on the fence to create a natural barrier on the fence line. Front yards that are corner lots shall meet the requirements of the Village Traffic Code to prevent the fence from creating a traffic hazard. This are is also known as a Public Open Space Easement (P.O.S.E.). The front yard may be fenced on corner lots provided that no vegetation is permitted or any other object which would create an obstructed view. An unobstructed view shall be maintained in the twenty foot triangle.

Backyard Requirements – The backyard may be fenced with a fence no taller than seven feet tall. It shall be constructed as a transparent fence line or solid fence. The height of the fenc line may extend to the front f the residential building but shall not pass the front of the building or extend into the front yard.

Side Yard Requirements – The side yard may have a fence that is not taller than seven feet tall. The side yard is the area from the front of the residential building to the rear of the building.

Fencing Materials – Any fence shall be constructed of materials commonly intended for residential fences, such as wood, vinyl, chain link or brick, or any other materials deemed to be acceptable as fencing materials by the Building Inspector.

Prohibited Fencing Materials – Materials which may be hazardous when used as fencing, especially materials which may be hazardous during strong winds from a hurricane or tropical storm are prohibited as fencing materials. Examples of prohibited materials are sheet metal, tin or other such materials.

Electric Fences – It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to construct, place or allow the construction of any fence as defined in this section of metal construction charged or connected with electrical current in such a manner as to transmit such current to persons, animals or any other thing which intentionally or unintentionally might come in contact with it. The only electric fence that is permitted for a boundary line fence is one which is entirely inside a boundary fence that is not electric.

Fences on Private Property – All fences, including those as lot line fences constructed long a lot line shall be located entirely on the private property of the person constructing the fence.

Staking of Lot Lines – The Building Inspector may require the owner of the property upon which a fence is to be located to establish lot lines upon such property through the placing of permanent stakes or other markers located by a licensed surveyor.

Retaining Walls - An Engineered stamped design is required for retaining walls over 4 feet in height.

What is required to receive a permit? A permit and plan review is required for all Fences and Retaining Walls. A permit fee is due at submission of application.

Submittal documents: Fill out a Residential permit application and submit (2) site plans which include the following: Location of main building on lot and all other structures on property, Location of proposed fence/ retaining wall, All streets and alleys, Height of fence or retaining wall, Construction material used. (You may use a copy of a survey of your lot and draw the above requirements.)