

FENCE REQUIREMENTS

CITY OF PLATTEVILLE, WISCONSIN



Fences and gates at or below twenty-four (24) inches in height are considered landscaping elements and may be installed without a building permit and may be located anywhere on the property. Fences and gates over twenty-four (24) inches in height shall require the issuance of a site improvement permit, except for fences on agricultural land, and shall meet the following requirements. The height of fences and gates that have an arched, or other irregular shape along the top, shall be based on the average height along the top surface.

Fences and Gates in Residential Districts.

- (a) In rear and side yards, fences and gates shall not exceed a height of six (6) feet above the established grade of the yard being enclosed.
- (b) In street yards, fences and gates shall not exceed a height of four (4) feet and shall not be closer than two (2) feet to any public right-of-way.
- (c) Fences and gates made of barbed wire and electric fences are not permitted in residential districts.
- (d) The finished side of all fences and gates shall be oriented toward neighboring properties with posts and other support or structural elements placed on the interior side of the fence.
- (e) Fences and gates on corner lots shall meet the requirements of Section 22.09(A) of the Zoning Ordinance.
- (f) Fences and gates around swimming pools and hot tubs shall meet the requirements of Section 5.04 of the Municipal Code.

Fences and Gates in Non-Residential Districts.

- (a) In street yards, fences and gates shall not exceed a height of four (4) feet and shall not be closer than two (2) feet to any public right-of-way. Fences on agricultural land that are an open style, such as barbed-wire, woven wire or split rail, may be located up to any lot line and may be up to six (6) feet in height.
- (b) In rear and side yards, fences and gates shall not exceed a height of eight (8) feet above the established grade of the yard being enclosed.
- (c) Barbed wire and electric fences are permitted only on the top of security fences when located at least six (6) feet above the ground. Fences on agricultural land are exempt from this requirement.
- (d) The finished side of all fences and gates shall be oriented toward neighboring properties with posts and other support or structural elements placed on the interior side of the fence.
- (e) Fences and gates on corner lots shall meet the requirements of Section 22.09(A) of the Zoning Ordinance.
- (f) Fences and gates around swimming pools and hot tubs shall meet the requirements of Section 5.04 of the Municipal Code.

Except as indicated above, the fence can be located up to the property line but shall be located entirely on the owner's property. The owner is responsible for and liable for determining the location of property lines and installing the fence within the property boundaries.

The installer and/or property owner are responsible for calling Digger's Hotline to locate existing underground utilities. Call 811 or (800) 242-8511 or (262) 432-7910.
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