

# FENCES

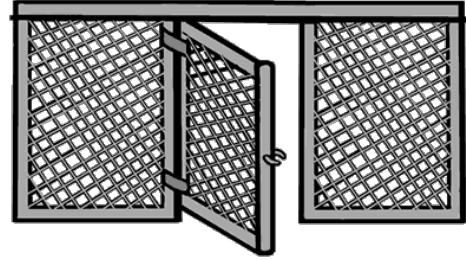


City of  
**Maple Grove**

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

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## **Building permits are not required for fences that do not exceed 7'-0"**

### **Fences are regulated by the Maple Grove Zoning Ordinance**

#### **Location**

All fences shall be located within your property.

#### **Construction and Maintenance**

Every fence shall be constructed in a professional manner.

1. Chain link fences, wherever permitted, shall be constructed in such a manner that no barbed ends shall be at the top.
2. Electric fences shall only be permitted in the "R-A" District when related to farming and on farms in other districts when related to farming, but not as boundary fences.

#### **Residential Fences**

In areas of Maple Grove zoned residential and not a farm, fences no more than 6'-0" in height may be erected or maintained on a lot subject to the following:

1. No fence shall be erected on a corner lot within the triangular area that impacts traffic visibility.
  - a. The triangular area is defined as beginning at the intersection of the projected property lines of two intersecting streets, 30'-0" along one property line and diagonally to a point 30'-0" feet from the point of beginning on the other property line.
2. On corner lots in all districts, no structure or planting in excess of 30" above the street center line grade shall be permitted.

3. No fence may extend closer to the street than the front yard setback line, except decorative fencing is allowed in the front yard if no higher than 3'-6" and not designed as an enclosure.
  - a. Decorative fencing includes fencing material such as split rail, picket, and brick, but not chain link is not included.
  - b. A fence may be placed in the front yard of a corner lot which abuts an arterial street, but not within the triangular area.
4. Shoreline district fences or fences located within any portion of the 75'-0" lakeshore setback area shall not exceed 5'-0" in height and maintain a see-through visibility equal to that of a chain link type fence. All fence material must be treated to blend with the natural surroundings, i.e. browns to greens.
5. A minimum of one 4'-0" wide gate is required for access to the rear yard from the front yard. The location of the gate must be parallel to the front lot line positioned at any point between the side lot property line and the principle structure.
6. Every fence shall be maintained in a condition of reasonable repair and shall not be allowed to become and remain in disrepair or constitute a nuisance. If a fence has become a public nuisance, the Zoning Administrator shall commence proceedings to rectify the situation.
7. Protective covenants on a lot might have different location and design requirements. Covenants are not enforced by the City of Maple Grove. Contact your homeowners' association regarding rules specific to your property.

**For additional information or questions, please contact the  
Community Development Department at 763-494-6040.**