Fence & Retaining Wall Construction

Every fence or retaining wall shall be constructed in a professional manner with material reasonably suitable for the purpose for which the fence is proposed to be used. The materials and design shall also be compatible with other structures in the area.

Every fence or retaining wall shall be maintained in a condition of reasonable repair. Any such fence or retaining wall which is or has become dangerous to the public safety, health, or welfare is a public nuisance, and the City shall commence proper proceedings for the abatement thereof.

All posts used in supporting a fence must face inward toward the property being fenced. Fences must provide a gate which affords reasonable and convenient access for public safety.

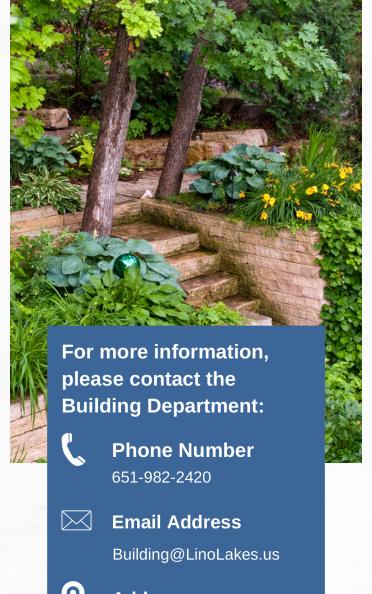
Electrical and barb wire fences are prohibited in residential zoning districts.

Retaining walls (such as masonry construction) greater than 48 inches in height, <u>including buried portions</u>, shall require a building permit. When utilized, tiered retaining walls shall be separated by a horizontal landing at least three (3) feet in width.

Property corners must be exposed and verified by City inspection prior to project.

See §1007.043 of City Code for a complete listing of standards and requirements for fences and retaining walls:

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Fences and Retaining Walls

A Resident's Guide



Address

600 Town Center Parkway Lino Lakes, MN 55014



Fence and Retaining Wall Building Process

It is unlawful for any person to construct a fence or a retaining wall without first completing an application and securing a permit.

Review City Code requirements for the location and construction of fences and/or retaining walls.

Minnesota State Law requires that utility lines be located prior to digging. For more information, visit www.gopherstateonecall.org or call Gopher One at 651-454-0002.

Determine whether you need a zoning permit or building permit:

Fence 6 feet or less in height	Zoning Permit
Retaining wall 48 inches or less in height, including buried portion	Zoning Permit
Retaining wall greater than 48 inches in height, including buried portion	Building Permit

Complete a permit application form and include a certificate of survey showing the structures and easements on the lot; and the location of the proposed fence or retaining wall. At the discretion of the City, a final plat detail or aerial map of the lot with the required information shown may suffice if no certificate of survey is available.

Once your permit application has been approved, the City will contact you. After permit issuance, you may begin the construction and/or installation.

Call the City Building Department to schedule inspections at **651-982-2420**.



Location of Fence

Fences and retaining walls must be located entirely within the residential property. It is the owners' responsibility to know where the property line is. Property markets must be located before the fence is installed. No fence may be constructed obstructing natural drainage.

Fences or retaining walls may, by permit, be located within public easements if the following conditions are met:

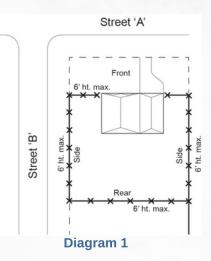
- The fence or retaining wall shall not be located within the 100-year high water level of a waterbody or watercourse, and
- The drainage shall not be adversely affected by the fence or retaining wall, and
- The fence or retaining wall shall not interfere in any way with any existing underground or over ground utility.
- The City or any utility company having authority to use such public easements, shall not be liable for repair or replacement of such fence, retaining wall or appurtenance in the event they are moved, damaged, or destroyed by virtue of the lawful use of said easement.

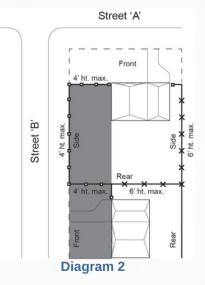
Fence Height

Fences may be located in any yard up to a height of 4 feet.

A fence not exceeding six (6) feet in height may be located from a line extended from the front wall of the principal building to the side lot lines, and then along the side lot lines and the rear lot line (Diagram 1).

Should the rear lot line of a lot be common with the side lot line of an abutting lot, that portion of the rear or side lot equal to the required front yard setback of the abutting lot shall not be fenced or walled to a height of more than 4 ft. (Diagram 2).





Swimming pool and sport court fences are subject to different code requirements. Please contact the Building Department for more information.

A permit is required for all structures and can be submitted online. Scan the QR code with your phone camera to submit a permit.

