



# VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD

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## Fence Handout

A permit is required to install a new fence or replace an existing fence. This includes all standard privacy or non-privacy fences, deck, patio screening, and/or ornamental fences. Information to install or replace a fence for a pool or hot tub can be found on the [Swimming Pool, Spa or Hot Tub handout](#).

An application must be submitted through our online portal at [lincolnwood.onlana.com](http://lincolnwood.onlana.com) (you can also access the portal by scanning QR code above). The application will need to include the following information:

The online permit application must include the following information:

- Homeowner name, address, telephone number and email address
- Name, address, telephone number and email address of the general contractor or Owner as Contractor Affidavit
- A detailed and enumerated proposal(s) from all contractors for all work with cost breakout, signed by the owner and contractors, scanned in pdf and uploaded – refer to [Illinois 815 ILCS 513/15 Section 15](#)
- Length and height of all fence sections and type(s) of fence that is being installed

Upload one (1) scanned pdf copy of a recent [dated within five (5) years] legal plat of survey (**not** a Google Earth image, sketch or a site plan) showing the location of the fence marked with X's (XXXXX) in black or red ink. If the fence is to have multiple heights, please clearly identify the height and/or style at each location.

Work must begin within 180 days of permit issuance. Work must be completed within 1 year. The permit card must be posted in a visible location to the street and must remain posted until final inspections are approved. Permit does not confer any approval or right to disregard any property covenant or a condominium/homeowner's association restriction.

As well as the restrictions shown below, properties with pools or hot tubs shall meet minimum requirements for barriers as set forth in the [Swimming Pools and Hot Tubs handout](#). If the property has a pool or hot tub, it shall be shown on the plat of survey, and the proposed fence/barrier shall have a written detailed explanation as to how it already conforms to A-D of the [Swimming Pools and Hot Tubs handout](#). If it does not currently conform, provide a written explanation of how it will be modified to conform.

For all fence installations, call J.U.L.I.E at either 811 or 1-800-892-0123 forty-eight (48) hours before you dig per Illinois State law. This is to verify the location of underground utilities in the area. The service is provided to you at no charge.

### General fence requirements:

- Post holes must be a minimum depth of 42 inches.
- Chain link fences must be black, brown, or green in color. Uncoated or galvanized chain link is not permitted in Residential Zoning Districts. Chain link fences may not be more than four (4) feet in height.
- Paint or stain used on fences must be compatible with the principal and surrounding structures.
- All finished sides of the fence, except along an alleyway, must be installed facing out.
- Electrified fences are prohibited.
- Fence posts may not extend more than 3 inches above fence section.
- Fences may not block natural drainage and must be kept a minimum of three (3) inches above established ground.
- Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) fencing is allowed, but only in compliance with the following:
  - PVC must be made from a single batch of PVC resin and additives (i.e., mono-extrusion);
  - PVC must include ultraviolet inhibitors;
  - Posts and horizontal components must have a minimum thickness of 0.120 inches.

- Bottom rails must include internal metal rails for reinforcement;
- Fence must include routed-in pickets and posts; and
- Solid fences are not allowed.

**Residential zoning district requirements:**

- Fences are not permitted in Front Yards.
- Maximum Rear, Rear Sides and Side Yard fence height:
  - Wrought Iron: 6 feet; Chain link: 4 feet; and
  - Semi-Private/Other Open Fences: 6 feet in Rear/Rear Side Yard; 4 feet in Side Yard. Side Yard fences must be 50% open.
- Solid Fences: Installation is limited to along an alleyway, surrounding a pool – mandatory 5 feet solid fence, or adjacent to a Business or Manufacturing District.
- Maximum Dog Run Fence Height: 6 feet and must be located 20 feet from property lines.
- A 4 foot tall open fence may be erected within a corner side yard, so long as a 5 foot setback is maintained from the corner side yard property line, with screening shrubs installed along the entire length of and on the street side of the fence. The fence may enclose the entirety of the corner side yard.

**Business zoning district requirements:**

- Maximum Height: 6 feet in rear yards.
- Solid fence is required where abutting residential.
- Open Fences in Side Yards are limited to 5 feet, except for wrought iron which is 6 feet.

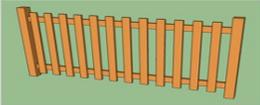
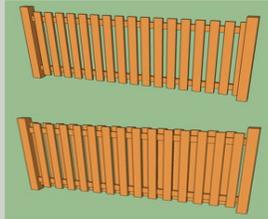
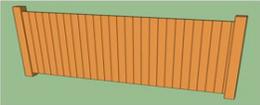
**Manufacturing zoning districts:**

- Maximum Rear and Side Yard Height for Solid Fences: 7 feet.

**Current Fence Regulations**

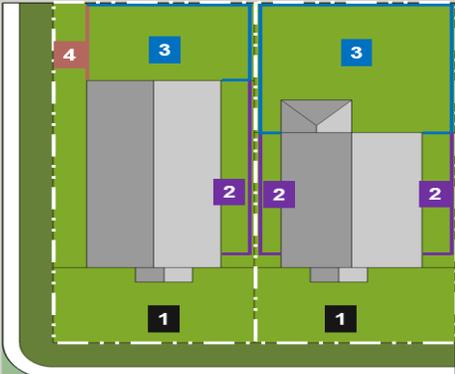
➤ Permitted wood fence types

<p><b>“Open”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least 50% open area on the elevation</li> </ul>	<p><b>“Semi-Private”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least 33% open area on the elevation, or shadowbox specifically permitted</li> </ul>	<p><b>“Solid”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No open area required</li> </ul>
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**Current Fence Regulations**

➤ Permitted types and locations



- 1. Front Yard**
  - No fences permitted
- 2. Interior Side Yard**
  - “Open” wood fences up to 4’ tall
  - Chain link fences up to 4’ tall
  - Wrought iron fences up to 6’ tall
  - Fences must be setback from front façade at least 3’
- 3. Rear Yard**
  - “Semi-private” wood fences up to 6’ tall
  - Chain link fences up to 4’ tall
  - Wrought iron fences up to 6’ tall
- 4. Corner Side Yard**
  - “Semi-private” wood fences up to 4’ tall
  - Cannot extend toward street passed building façade