

CITY OF WENTZVILLE FENCE REGULATION(S)

Section 405.225 Fence Requirements.

[R.O. 2006 §405.225; CC 1968 §6-2; Ord. No. 1684 §5, 8-23-2000; Ord. No. 2011-3174 §2, 8-24-2011]

A. General Rules.

1. Barbed wire fences or barbed wire on fences shall be prohibited except as specified.
2. Double fences shall be prohibited.
3. Chain link fences shall be the double knuckle type at the top.
4. The use of the property shall supersede the zoning of the property.
5. All fences shall be of adequate strength to resist required wind pressures.
6. Fences or enclosures charged with, or designed to be charged with, electric current are prohibited.
7. It shall be the responsibility of the property owner to insure that a fence does not block or obstruct the flow of storm water.

B. General Fence Requirements By Zoning Classification.

1. Agricultural areas.

Barbed wire fences customarily used in *agricultural* applications shall be permitted, however, no barbed wire fence shall be placed within ten (10) feet of a public roadway; and shall not exceed six (6) feet in height.

2. Residential areas.

- a) No person shall erect or maintain a fence between the front building line of the residence and the public roadway. On corner lots no person shall erect or maintain a fence between the residential building line and either public roadway. Due to the exceptional nature of the double frontage lots (or through lots), fences proposed along the rear of the property adjacent to public streets shall not be located any closer than the street right-of-way.
- b) In multi-family developments such as apartments, condominiums, or mobile home parks, an ornamental fence or wall shall be placed no closer than twenty (20) feet from the public roadway, shall not exceed four (4) feet in height and shall not be chain link construction.
- c) In mobile home parks no fence shall be erected on individual sites of less than five thousand (5,000) square feet. No fence on such sites shall exceed four (4) feet.
- d) Fences may be erected at the property line in all rear yards and side yards, provided that such fences in a side yard do not extend forward of the front corner of the principal building of any lot.

- e) Fences constructed of masonry, vinyl or wood shall be constructed no higher than six (6) feet above the surrounding grade. Chain link fences shall be constructed no higher than four (4) feet above the surrounding grade.
- f) Fences shall be composed of masonry, wood, vinyl, chain link, or ornamental material. No fence shall be constructed of cloth, canvas, wire or other impermanent material, except as provided herein.

3. *Commercial areas.*

- a) No person shall erect or maintain a fence between the front building line and the public roadway. On corner lots no person shall erect or maintain a fence between the front building line and the public roadway on all sides which front a public roadway.
- b) All material storage areas shall be enclosed by a privacy fence not less than six (6) feet in height.
- c) Fences shall not exceed a height of six (6) feet above the surrounding grade, unless modified by the provisions of a Conditional Use Permit required by the C-3 Highway Commercial Zoning District for outdoor material storage.
- d) Fences shall be composed of masonry, wood, vinyl, chain link or ornamental material. No fence shall be constructed of cloth, canvas, wire or other impermanent material, except as provided herein.

4. *Industrial areas.*

- a) No person shall erect or maintain a fence between the front building line and the public roadway. On corner lots no person shall erect or maintain a fence between the front building line and the public roadway on all sides which front a public roadway.
- b) Barbed wire on fences shall not be permitted on fences less than eight (8) feet in height.
- c) Fences shall not exceed a height of eight (8) feet above the surrounding grade, unless modified by the provision of a Conditional Use Permit required by the Industrial Zoning District for outdoor material storage.
- d) Fences shall be composed of masonry, wood, vinyl, chain link or ornamental material. No fence shall be constructed of cloth, canvas, wire or other impermanent material, except as provided herein.

C. *Swimming Pool Fences.*

Swimming pool fences shall be governed by Chapter 500 of this Code.

D. *During Construction.*

Every construction operation located five (5) feet or less from a public roadway may be enclosed with a fence not less than eight (8) feet in height to prevent entry from

unauthorized persons. When located more than five (5) feet from the public roadway, a fence or other barrier shall be erected when required by the Building Inspector.

E. *Permit.*

A fence permit is required prior to the erection of any fence within the City limits. The cost of such permit shall be established by the Building Official, and payment shall be accompanied by a sketch or diagram of the proposed fence, a location survey/map and the type of fence material to be used.

F. *Maintenance.*

Property owner shall repair, paint, remove or otherwise maintain a fence if it becomes unsightly or a nuisance to the public health, safety or welfare.

G. *Manner Of Construction.*

All fences shall be constructed so that horizontal and vertical supports are interior to the lot and are hidden from both neighbors and public view. Fences must be straight and run parallel to the lot line(s).

H. *Recreational Amenity Fences.*

Fences surrounding tennis courts and backstop fencing for baseball/softball fields and other recreational amenities may be of chain link construction and shall not exceed sixteen (16) feet in height.

I. *Special Fences.*

Notwithstanding other requirements of this Section, special fences exceeding these requirements as they may be utilized by industries for the purpose of enclosing buildings, vehicles or materials, or such fences as they may be used in conjunction with institutions, parks, playgrounds, schools or other public uses, shall be subject to review and approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission as to materials, construction, location and height.