

**THE CITY OF OAKLAND
FENCE PERMIT APPLICATION
(TO INSTALL, REPLACE OR REPAIR)**

PERMIT FEE (which included up to 2 inspections) \$50.00

ANY ADDITIONAL INSPECTIONS: \$30.00

DATE: _____

Name of Property Owner: _____

Property Owner Address: _____

Project Address: _____

Property Owner Contact Numbers:
_____ cell _____ day _____ evening

Contractor's Name: _____

Contractor's Street Address/Phone: _____

Start Date: _____ Finish Date: _____

Type of Construction: New _____ Replace _____ Repair _____

Dimensions: _____ (height/length)

Type of Material Used: _____ (brick, wood, stone, wire, chainlink, other)

Describe if Other: _____

Location of Work: _____

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please attach a site plan or drawing that designates the structure and exact location of proposed fence. When application is completed, please return with check (permit and 1 inspection required) made payable to the *City of Oakland, P. O. Box 220511, St. Louis, MO 63122*. Should you have any questions about your project, please contact the City Administrator/City Clerk at 314-416-0026. To schedule an inspection, please contact Greg Hanser at 420-7481.

If your plan requires a dumpster or temporary storage pod, a permit will be needed before it arrives on location.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Application Approved: _____ Denied: _____

Date: _____ Reason: _____

Fence Regulations

Administration and Enforcement

A. No fence shall be constructed without filing an application with the City of Oakland and obtaining the required permit. The City staff shall rule upon the application within 60 days or the application shall be deemed approved. The permit application shall include the height, type of construction materials of the fence, and a surveyor's plat. The plat shall show the location of the fence with relation to the property lines.

B. For purposes of definition, a "fence" shall be defined as a structure serving as an enclosure or barrier, constructed of posts, supports, boards, wires, stakes or rails and over eighteen (18) inches in height.

C. Prohibited materials. No fence, in whole or part, shall be constructed or erected with cloth, canvas, or other like material.

D. Advertising. No fence shall be used for advertising purposes.

E. Barbed wire. No fence shall be constructed in whole or part of barbed wire, unless required by state or federal law or for the protection of the public from special hazards such as high voltage electrical installations.

F. Wires. No fence shall be constructed solely of horizontal strands of wire between posts or supports.

G. Fences shall not be located within fifteen (15) feet of the intersection of the right-of-way lines of two (2) intersecting streets.

H. No fence shall be located on public right-of-way or within ten (10) feet from the edge of the pavement of any street.

I. Fences may be located on property lines, if not prohibited by subsections (g) or (h) above, or any other code provision.

J. Fences Generally – Restrictions-Any fence hereinafter placed on any property, whether residential or commercial or otherwise, must adhere to the following regulations.

1. Height

a. No fence is to exceed six (6) feet in height on any residential property. Any fence exceeding four (4) feet in height on residential property shall be restricted to the rear yard area only (area to the rear of the front corner edge of the home). Any rear or side yard that abuts another home's front yard or a street will be limited to a four (4) foot high fence.

2. Construction – Maintenance

a. Any fence visible from any street must be constructed and erected so as to be equal in appearance from both sides or erected with the finished side out.

b. All fences shall be maintained in such a manner so as to keep them whole and complete, keep them from sagging or falling, effectively preserve and maintain their materials, and keep them painted or stained (where applicable) so as to not allow chipping or peeling of paint or other materials.

c. No electrical devices of any kind may be attached to any fence, or used on any property as a means of deterring entrance or exit by creating a shock or electrical current.

d. Any fence which totally encloses a property, or piece or section of a property, shall

have at least one gate opening with a minimum opening width of four (4) feet.

e. Any fence erected, owned, shared or in any way jointly divided by more than one person or neighbors, shall have in writing at the time of request for permit, a decision of ownership and responsibility should one of the owners leave or move.

K. Front Yard Fences

Any fence hereinafter placed on any property, whether commercial or residential, which is so placed as to extend past the front edge of the building corner, (or in the case of a vacant lot, extends past the front of any proposed building or future building site) or which faces, meets or abuts to any street, or another property's front yard, must be so constructed as to meet the following regulations in addition to those in preceding sections.

1. All fences, must not exceed four (4) feet in height.
2. All fences shall be constructed so as to have the finished side to the outside of the property, or shall be so designed as to have both sides finished.
3. All fences shall be decorative or ornamental and constructed of wood, wrought iron, brick, stone, or other like material or constructed of plastic, vinyl or polyvinylchloride where such material is originally fabricated as fencing components. Chain link fences, wire fences, wire mesh fences, snow fences, stockade fences, or fences constructed in any part with such materials shall not be considered decorative or ornamental, nor shall fences of any material which are more than fifty percent sight-proof.

L. All fences shall be measured from the topmost point thereof to the ground or surface along the centerline of the fence.

M. Fences enclosing an institution, a public park, public playground, elementary or high school, or commercial occupancy may be up to eight feet in height.

N. Swimming Pools

1. Fences enclosing outdoor swimming pools shall be at least four (4) feet in height, but shall not exceed the height limitations set forth elsewhere in this Section.
2. All gates or doors opening through such enclosure shall be equipped with a self-closing and self-latching device for keeping the gate or door securely closed at all times when not in actual use; except that the door of any dwelling which forms a part of the enclosure need not be so equipped.
3. Subsection N shall be applicable to all new swimming pools or family pools hereafter constructed, other than indoor pools, and shall apply to all existing pools which have a minimum depth of 24 inches of water. No person in possession of land within the City, either as owner, purchaser, lessee, tenant or licensee, upon which is situated a swimming pool or family pool having a minimum depth of 24 inches shall fail to provide and maintain such fence or wall as herein provided.

O. Fences surrounding tennis courts shall be open wire mesh fences and may be up to 12 feet in height.